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National attention

Jury selection begins for California man accused in wife's death

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Jury selection began in Detroit Wayne County Recorder's Court May 6 for Bertram Harper, the California man who helped his wife commit suicide in a Romulus hotel room Aug. 19.

Judge Isidore Torres is presiding over the case.

Prosecuting and defending attorneys say they have had a difficult time gathering enough evidence and case law to prove their respective

cases. Harper is charged on two counts, according to Richard Padzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

"The first count is assisting a suicide with conspiracy to commit suicide," Padzieski said. "The second count is euthanasia."

John D. O'Hair, Wayne County prosecuting attorney, is basing the Harper case on a Supreme Court decision that assisting a suicide is a crime in Michigan, according to Padzieski.

The act of committing suicide, according to the Law Dictionary by Barron's Educational Series Inc., has not been unanimously classified as a crime. Whether attempted suicide or aiding and abetting suicide is illegal hasn't been decided, he said.

On Aug. 19, Harper said he spoke to police and was under the impression they were gathering routine information, not conducting a criminal investigation.

Harper's stepdaughter, Shanda McGrew, was with

him when Virginia Harper died, but McGrew is not charged.

Virginia Harper, 69, was suffering from excruciating pain as a result of terminal breast and liver cancer when she asked her husband and her daughter to accompany her to Michigan to be with her when she ended her life, according to Harper.

The Harpers didn't believe Bertram Harper would be prosecuted for in Michigan based on literature published

by the Hemlock Society, a Portland, Ore.-based right-to-die organization.

They also thought Oakland County authorities, at the time, hadn't charged retired Royal Oak pathologist Dr. Jack Kevorkian with murder in helping Janet Adkins, 54, of Portland, commit suicide by lethal injection last June.

Harper told police his wife put a plastic bag over her head several times, intending to kill herself. His wife, however, became hot and uncom-

fortable, according to Harper.

When Virginia Harper fell asleep, Harper said he slipped the bag over her head and secured it with rubber bands and twist-ties.

Virginia Harper died of asphyxiation, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's report. A trace amount of alcohol was found in her bloodstream along with sedatives, which wouldn't have caused her death, the medical examiner concluded.

Council to discuss walkway

Romulus councilmembers recently agreed to stage a public hearing at 7 p.m. May 28 to discuss whether to vacate the 20-foot walkway on Burningtreet Street.

The Property Disposition Committee recommended to councilmembers April 1 to vacate the walkway, according to City Clerk Linda Choate.

"A motion was made to recommend to the council to vacate the 20-foot walkway on Burningtreet Street between lots 196 and 197, and to offer the walkway to adjoining property owners," Choate said.

The original intent of the walkway was to provide access to Hale Creek School for neighborhood children, according to Choate. Because a creek runs along the rear lot lines of the homes on Burningtreet, however, the children use the walkway to the creek and then trespass through several backyards to get to Harrison.

City Ordinance Director Steve Banko listed the following reasons to vacate the walkway:

- In the past, the property on Burningtreet and Harrison were vacant and owned by Romulus. Children could cut through the open lots, caus-

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Lucky dice

Amanda Bailey, 2, (top) plays dice games while Jessica Mills wins a prize during the Hale Creek Elementary School Fair in Romulus. ANP photos by Deanne DeYonker



2 houses saved from demolition

Romulus councilmembers decided May 6 to remove city-owned properties on Wayne and Carnegies roads from the demolition list, after a resident showed interest in buying one of the properties.

The council also authorized City Clerk Linda Choate to let bids for sale of the property. Councilmembers stipulated the rehabilitation of the structures must meet all city codes and requirements, the work to be completed within six months and a \$2,000 bond be placed on file with the city to ensure completion within the specified date and terms.

"My office has received several inquiries from people who expressed a desire to

purchase the properties and rehabilitate the structures, particularly the one at 6479 Wayne Road," Choate said. "They have been advised the property on Wayne Road is zoned (commercial) and the structure cannot be restored as a residential dwelling."

"They have also been advised, in accordance with the disposition of city-owned property ordinance, purchase of any of these properties would be by sealed bid only." Romulus resident Horace Stephens explained his reasons to councilmembers for wanting to buy the property on Wayne Road.

"We felt we could make

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Infant dies in accident

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

A 14-month-old Romulus infant died May 4 after her father accidentally ran over her that evening while backing the family car and trailer out of the driveway in the Windcliff Subdivision.

Romulus police officers would not release the names of the family members because they are still investigating. The little girl was taken to Annapolis Hospital and then transferred by helicopter to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac where she died of multiple head injuries,

according to police officer Rick Schwartz.

"The father started to pull out of the driveway and make his turn," Schwartz said. "She was by the vehicle when he ran over her head. He said she was in the house seconds before he began pulling out of the driveway."

The family was moving out of Romulus to Brighton, according to Schwartz. The little girl was the only child of the family.

This is the second fatal accident which occurred in Romulus this year, Schwartz said.

Councilmembers to establish district

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus councilmembers agreed May 6 to establish an Industrial Development District on Wahrman Road, which was requested by Standon Investment Co., a Lincoln Park investment business.

The development district would be spread over 80 acres of property between Wahrman and Wayne roads, south of Eureka Road, according to City Clerk Linda Choate.

"The subdivision will consist of office assembly, research, warehousing and light manufacturing, employing up to 1,750 people," Choate said.

The property is already owned by Standon, according to Donald Kegley, agent for

Standon Investment Co.

"Specifically, we are planning a light-industrial development with facilities ranging in size from 80,000 square feet to 200,000 square feet," Kegley said. "We would plan to commence construction upon finalizing agreements with our initial user and, upon completion of the development, we envision a total of 25 to 30 buildings in the park."

"It is estimated 1,500 to 1,750 jobs would be created, and the purpose of requesting the establishment of the Industrial Development District would be to enable the prospective business locating with the park to invest in capital which would maximize these employment opportunities."

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Arraignment set for Detroit man

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

A Detroit man waived his right to a felony preliminary exam May 1 before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold on an alleged hit-and-run felony offense of a Romulus teen-ager April 19.

The \$5,000 personal bond was also continued for Joseph Brady, 25. An 8:30 a.m. May 15 arraignment was set for Brady at the Detroit Wayne County Recorder's Court.

Daniel Meloche, 17, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 7:06 a.m. April 20.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Brady by Archbold. The hit-and-run charge is a felony offense which carries a maximum of five years

in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Brady has no previous criminal record, according to Wayne police Lt. Dan Randall.

About 11:38 p.m. April 19, Meloche was walking southbound on Merriman Road in the roadway, according to Randall.

"He was apparently walking home from his girlfriend's house in Westland when he was struck by a vehicle," Randall said.

The vehicle, allegedly driven by Brady, sped away from the scene while failing to stop and assist Meloche, according to Randall. The vehicle headed southbound on Merriman, west on Michigan Avenue.

Police are still investigating the cause of the hit-and-run accident.

Amann wins 11th District post

It was less than a surprise Tuesday when Bryan Amann experienced a resounding victory in the race for the 11th District Wayne County Commission post.

The district post has been historically occupied by Democrats.

Former Canton Township Supervisor Jim Poole was Amann's opponent representing the Republicans.

Amann claimed victory with approximately 3,700 votes. Poole won 1,300 votes.

Voter turnout was best in Wayne, Canton Township and Huron Township where there was also a police millage on the ballot.

Wayne and Canton threw the bulk of their support behind Amann, while Huron Township was a little closer.

As noise czar for the county, Amann has been instrumental in developing a plan which would reduce aircraft noise in cities north of the airport, but increased noise levels south of the air-



Bryan Amann

port thus affecting Huron Township.

It will take approximately one week to certify the election results. Amann is expected to be sworn in as commissioner at the next board meeting.

Amann agrees with comments concerning the lack of communication between the suburbs and the commissioners. He supports moving more commission meetings and public hearings to the suburbs and hopes to offer office hours on a regular basis at local city halls and township halls.

Amann also said he hopes to narrow the gap between the suburbs and Detroit in matters discussed by the commissioners with County Executive Edward McNamara.

"I think it's possible to disagree without being disagreeable," Amann said. "I think that is what is happen-

ing now."

Amann said he hopes to work with McNamara to iron out differences, but the former assistant county executive claims he will not be a "rubber stamp" for the executive.

"The first time we disagree on an issue will be difficult," he said.

Amann said he has been questioned so much on his independence as a commissioner, that he has made it a "personal challenge" to stand on his own.

This, Amann said, will be somewhat easier for him as he has the information and background available to make independent decisions.

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Budget hearing set for May 13

A public hearing has been set for 7 p.m. May 13 at Romulus City Hall for discussion on the 1991-92 fiscal year budget.

Veterans to sell poppies

The Romulus VFW Post 9568 will sell poppies from May 16 to May 18 at various locations throughout the city.

Adolescent health group to meet

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Council meeting will be staged at 3 p.m. May 9 at the Romulus Senior High School library. The meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested can call 941-1400.

Golf outing is staged

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will stage the 1991 Couples Golf Outing at 2:30 p.m. May 11 at Woodside Meadows. Cost is \$50 per couple for 18 holes. Carts must be ordered. Anyone interested should call 326-4290.

Archery Club hosts benefit

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Romulus Metro Archery Club will host a 50-50 Archery Benefit Shoot, where a portion of the proceeds will benefit the drug task force program created by Mayor Beverly McAnally.

Participants with the best hand will receive the award of 50 percent of the shooting fee. The event will run seven days a week for the months of April, May and June at Northline and Huron River Drive in Romulus. Individuals 18 years old or older can participate. For more information, call 941-9486.

Head Start recruits youth

The Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education Preschool programs are recruiting eligible 3- and 4-year-old children for September 1991. These free preschool programs will be staged at Beverly School. The program serves children from low-income families. Anyone interested should call Gale Reinhackel at 728-7815.

Civic league stages events

The Romulus Civic League is again offering adult social night from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. each Friday. The program was started in June 1990.

It is being offered again because of the low turnout back in the summer.

Demolition approved

City Council has approved demolition of a house on 35819 Parkplace, and the eyesore is scheduled to be removed within the next few days.

Abandoned when the resident died, the home has been boarded since May 1988. Soon after, the Department of Building, Safety and Engineering began procedure to have the building torn down and removed.

"Unfortunately, while these steps were being taken, a fire occurred on the structure, causing an even greater deal of damage and leaving it in extremely dangerous condition," said Willie B. Watson, assistant director of the department.

An immediate demolition request was then set before City Council.

Recycling effort requires some 'cleaning up'

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

The recycling effort by residents is appreciated but useless unless recyclables are clean with lids removed for drop-off, according to Romulus recycling coordinator Jeffery Martell.

"The numbers (of individuals recycling) are rising, and that is great," Martell said. "But recyclables are not being prepared correctly, and that causes problems with the companies who receive our materials."

"If the materials are contaminated, mixed together, has food still in it or is not clean, the real process of recycling is not being done, and we will start to return the dirty products."

Martell encourages residents to:

- Remove plastic caps and lids at home because they cannot be recycled at this time. Metal caps and lids, however, can be recycled with cans. Wash, rinse and sort by color the glass containers (green, clear and brown).
- Not drop off plate glass,

Pyrex, ceramic, pottery dishes, drinking glasses, phone books, envelopes or glossy material.

• Bundle paper with string only. No nylons, synthetic cords or nylon (metal strapping wrapped will be accepted. Try large bundles.

• Drop off milk, juice, water, vinegar, bleach and detergent plastic containers marked with a No. 1 or No. 2 symbol stamped on the bottom. Remove plastic caps at home. Wash and rinse plastics and flatten or crush in order to save on storage

space.

• Not drop off plastic oil cans, dirty or moldy plastic containers, cheese, yogurt, sour cream, 'Cool Whip' cups, dirty mustard or ketchup containers, plastic utensils, plates, cups, mugs, microwave dishes, 'Tupperware' or other containers. Bottle or jugs that contained motor or vegetable oil are not accepted because they are hard to clean and contaminate the plastics collected.

"Clean recyclables are important," Martell said. "It saves us time sorting the

materials, it saves time for the public by not waiting in line at the drop-off site and it prepares the recyclables for the actual recycling process."

City officials recently stated used household batteries are now being taken at the Recreation Department/Venior Center at City Hall.

For a list of recyclables accepted at the Romulus Drop-off Center, residents are encouraged to contact City Hall at 942-7592. Recycling occurs the second Saturday of each month in the City Hall parking lot.

Festival week to kick off May 17

The Ninth Annual Romulus-Michigan Week Festival, slated from May 17 to May 19, will have plenty of activities for the whole family, according to event sponsors.

The traditional kick-off parade will be staged at 6 p.m. May 17 in front of City Hall. The parade will include bands, groups, associations, busses, floats and special guests.

The route for the parade begins at Goddard Road and winds its way through the city. At Crane Funeral Home, the procession will turn on Bibbons Street to pass in front of the parks and recreation office, which will serve as festival host.

The parade will continue on Olive Street, turn south and end at the old South Junior High School.

Special guests will include Ronald McDonald and the WCXI-AM morning crew of Buddy Blake and Ray Prosser in the WCXI Mobile Unit.

The grand marshals for this event are current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, in a salute to the men and women of Operation Desert Storm.

Romulus-Michigan Week Festival will include food, arts and crafts, free entertainment, contests, a carnival and a number of free activities.

Free parking will be available adjacent to the festival grounds at the old South Junior High School on Olive Street.

Live music will start after the opening of the parade. *Clever Edge* will open the festival with

the best of live pop and rock 'n' roll music from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Romulus High School band will perform Saturday afternoon from noon to 2 p.m. The day ends with the group 'Expansion' performing adult-contemporary sounds from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

On May 19, *First Choice* will play rock-a-billy and country sounds. About 6 p.m., *Sherman Arnold and Interstate*

will cap off the schedule with the best of 1950s and 1960s. The second set by Arnold will be a tribute to Elvis Presley.

During the morning of May 18, the Kiwanis will stage its annual pancake breakfast. Coffee, juice, sausage and all the pancakes an individual can eat will be available for adults (\$3.50) and children (\$2) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After breakfast, the annual Community Pride 10K run will begin at 9 a.m. A One Mile Fun Walk will also be staged at 8:30 a.m.

Youth Day activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 18. Toddlers can take part in the Diaper Derby, which will begin at noon on the grassy knoll next to the parks and recreation offices. Children 13 years old and younger can enjoy games, races and contests for prizes and ribbons.

Youth Day activities will end with youth performances of jazz, ballet and tap dance in the entertainment tent from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fire officials from southeast Michigan will take part in the festival activities May 18 in the Annual Firemen's Softball Tournament to bene-



The annual 10K run is always a big part of the annual Romulus festival. ANP file photo

At 2 p.m. Sunday, families and individuals are invited to take part in the 14-mile non-competitive Bicycle Rally, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Riders will meet at Progressive Hall on Ozga Road at 1:30 p.m. to register. A police escort will lead riders to the Interstate-275 bike path, where they ride from Northline to Michigan Avenue and back.

Upon completion of the race, everyone will receive a certificate.

The Rotten Sneaker Contest will be staged at 2:25 p.m., where an individual can be eligible to win a new pair of sneakers and a can of Dr. Scholl's foot powder.

Individuals interested must show up in a pair of naturally aged sneakers and

prove they can stay together in a rigorous test of 10 jumping jacks, and they will be in contention for top prize.

The teen tent will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with *Right Stuff Sound and Lighting*

providing the music. At 6 p.m., *Sherman Arnold and Interstate*

will stage a performance. The event will be staged at 1 p.m. at Elmer Johnson Field on Ozga Road.

Eight teams, including defending champion Warren Fire Department, will compete.

Other events include the pie and cake judging at 2 p.m. May 18. The arts and crafts building will open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The WCXI morning crew will be on the air live from 2

p.m. to 6 p.m. May 18. The tent takes center stage in the entertainment tent.

Free drawings will be staged all weekend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Winners must be present and 18 years old or older to win.

The bingo tent, sponsored by the Romulus Little League, will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight May 17, 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. May 18 and noon to 10 p.m. May 19.

The Vegas tent, co-sponsored by the Westland Vietnam Veterans of America, Post 387 and the Metro Airport Lions Club, will feature Black Jack and the Big Six Wheel from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. May 17, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. May 18 and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 19. A maximum winning limit of \$250 is set.

Home re-inspection to help city

In order to update city records of residential property value, a re-inspection of houses will be conducted throughout Romulus over the next three months.

The last time such an inspection was conducted occurred in 1978, when re-measuring of an individual structure (such as a porch or garage) was not required, according to Matthew Raftary, director of the Department of Assessment.

"It has been 20 years since a measurement of properties was made, and it is important our records be made current," Raftary said.

Besides updating the base of information on record with the city, the new information will allow conversion of the State Tax Commission 1972 Cost Manual to the 1991 Cost Manual. This will enable a more accurate and up-to-date evaluation to be made for each home.

"What this means for residents of Romulus is not only more equitable and uniform assessments, but also fairer

remain on site. The estimated cost to repair the residence to current occupancy codes is about \$30,000."

In regards to the property on 6036 Carnegie, Watson described the structure as extensively deteriorated. Portions of the brick and siding are missing, and the roof is severely damaged.

"The garage located on the property is in poor condition," Watson said. "Excessive debris are located on site. Estimated cost to restore the residence to current occupancy codes is about \$25,000."

"It's important for the people to remember that this assessment is but one variable in the tax equation, and does not necessarily mean a tax increase for all."
Bev McAnally

taxation," Raftary said.

Although tax increase is imminent for some residents, this project will not necessarily raise taxes for everyone, according to Mayor Beverly McAnally.

"It's important for the people to remember that this assessment is but one variable in the tax equation, and does not necessarily mean a tax increase for all," McAnally said.

To facilitate this project in the most cost-efficient way possible, city officials will hire eight local college students from an Agricultural Design program. At a time designated by a letter which will be mailed to residents, the students will travel from

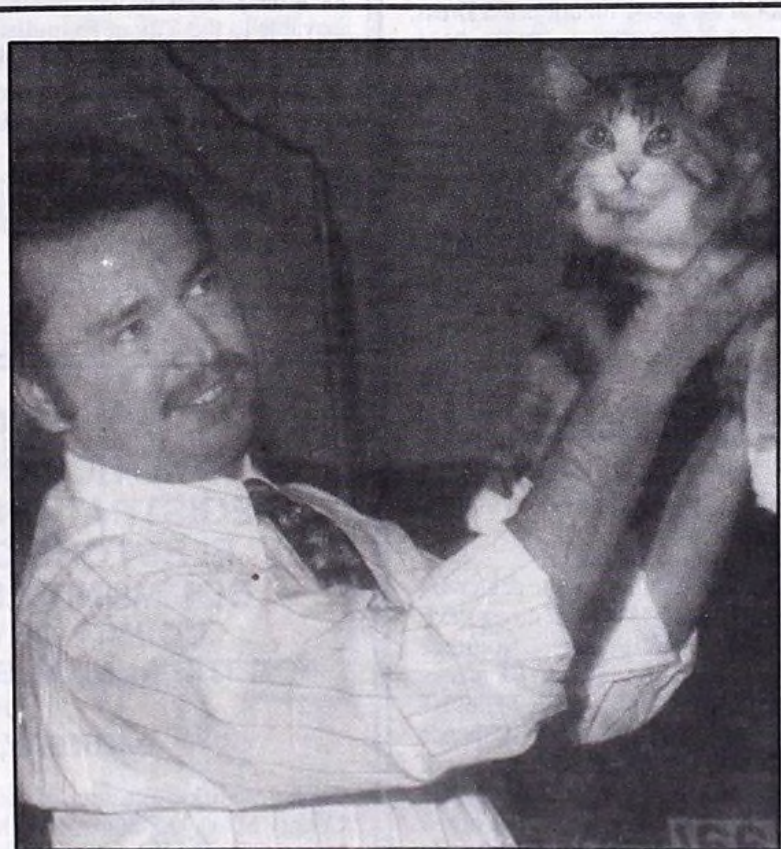
door to door to collect data on the condition of each structure on a resident's property. The final value determination will then be completed by certified staff from the Romulus Department of Assessment.

"By hiring college students to collect data for our appraisers, this \$500,000 project will cost the city only \$50,000," Raftary said.

As far as the students are concerned, collection of data is expected to be completed by August. Analysis of each house will then begin.

"For those who have been keeping additions and improvements of their homes to themselves, this project may seem an unnecessary expense but the fact of the matter is, this re-inspection will take our city out of the dark ages and bring us up current on the value of each home," Councilman Russell R. Lambert said.

"If the information we use in comparing recent sales of property is inaccurate, the final valuations of properties will also be inaccurate," Raftary said. "Hopefully, the data we collect will make the system of assessment fairer and much simpler for everyone."



'What's he doing?'

Cat show judge Gary Veach examines a Maine Coon cat owned by Meg Bachman of Waterford during the Just Cats 'N Us Cat Show at the Inkster Recreation Complex Saturday. ANP

photo by Deanne DeYonker

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very good use of the property, however, we haven't been inside of it yet," Stephens said. "I need to find out how much it will take to bring it up to code."

Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear informed the resident he believes there is a great deal of pipe damage.

"There was extensive dam-

age to the roof," Gear said. "The whole roof would have to be redone. (The building) would have to be used as a commercial building."

Willie B. Watson, assistant director of building, safety and engineering for Romulus, presented councilmembers with a description of both properties and the cost it would take to bring both structures up to code.

"The residence on (6479 Wayne Road) is extensively damaged," Watson said. "The outbuilding on the property is collapsed. Excessive debris

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Blue ribbon committee launches study of area schools

Those on both sides of the Wayne-Westland schools millage issue met last week at the first Blue Ribbon School Committee.

The committee was formed by Westland Mayor Robert Thomas to bring residents, city officials, chamber of commerce members, state representatives, school officials and millage opposition leaders from both sides of the millage issue.

The first order of business last Wednesday night was to choose a chairperson to lead the group. Wayne City Councilman Thomas Kelly was elected by committee members.

Kelly described the meeting as "healthy and positive." The main purpose of the committee is to take all points of views, analyze them, and then try and find a solution.

"It was really quite positive in knowing a number of people, both pro and con, were represented and they were also willing to give up their partisan views and work toward a common goal,"

he said.

Kelly is most interested in making sure the communities that make up the district are represented. "I started thinking that it is no longer just Wayne-Westland," he said. "It's Wayne, Westland, Canton and Inkster."

The committee is still in the organizational stages. The first two meetings were attended by committee members only, but Kelly hopes in the future, residents will have the opportunity to attend.

He also would like to take the meetings on the road to include all four communities.

Another idea the committee discussed at the first meeting was to organize subcommittees.

"We're really expanding this to include a lot of very, very important people and to get ordinary citizens involved," Kelly said.

Since February 1990, the millage proposal has been voted down three times by

residents in the school district. School officials blame the millage downfall on a misunderstanding among voters.

The Blue Ribbon School Committee hopes to learn more about school financing and other current district problems.

"We want to identify the problems and then seek a way to solve them," Kelly said. "For 10 years, we've been hearing about the school district's battles."

Another area they hope to shed light on is the inequitable funding in public schools across the state.

"There are a lot of misconceptions out there," he said. "Some of them include what is the role of the school board? What is the role of the superintendent? I'll be honest with you. I'm not sure I know."

One thing he does know is the role of the committee, which investigates issues and finds solutions. Once

they agree upon solutions, the committee will present them to the school board, according to Kelly.

"We want to lend credence to the issues," he said.

Thomas met with Dennis O'Neill, superintendent of schools, two weeks ago to explain who would be represented and how the committee could be useful to the school district and residents. The superintendent was pleased the mayor organized the committee and told him he welcomes all the help the district can get.

School officials eliminated many school programs last year, and had to lay off more than 100 teachers. Further cuts planned for the fall will eliminate all busing, extra-curricular activities, text-

book purchases, three administrative positions on top of the nineteen eliminated last year and hundreds of jobs. Both high schools stand to lose accreditation.

School officials hope the June 10 election will ensure a victory so they can restore all programs.

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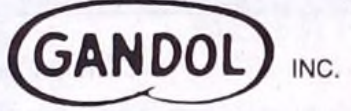
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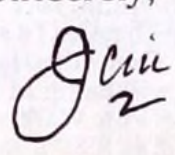
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ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting to be held Monday, May 20, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a request for special approval use for expansion of TNT Holland Motor Express, Inc. truck and truck/trailer parking facility in a MT-2 (Industrial Transportation 2) zoned district. The subject property is part of DP# 49-99-1-2 vacant parcel on Inkster adjacent and South of existing facility on 27411 Wick Road.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said expansion. Written comments may be submitted not later than 12:00 noon, Monday, May 20, 1991 and addressed to David Paul, Building Director at the above mentioned address.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 28, 1991 at 7:15 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for Kelsey Hayes Company.

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This is an open meeting. All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than May 28, 1991 at 12 o'clock noon to the attention of:

City of Romulus
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR SALE EXCESS CITY OWNED LAND
BID #91-8

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Romulus Clerks Office at the City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, until 2:00 P.M., local time, on June 6, 1991, at which time and place said bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the sale of excess City Owned Property.

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Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, Cashier's check, or money order in the amount of at least five (5%) of the bid, drawn payable to the City of Romulus.

The City Council of the City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Ms. Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174

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NOTICE
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF
REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED
ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE
HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1991

To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that registration shall be taken at Secretary of State branch offices or, in the Office of the City, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday-9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Monday, May 13, 1991-9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for members of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR
BID #91-09
GAS DETECTOR-DP.W.

Sealed proposals for the above mentioned acquisition will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan until 2:00 p.m., May 16, 1991. At that time said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

(1) Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Finance Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (313) 942-7564. All bids must be submitted in an envelope clearly endorsed with the Bid Number and Item before being returned to the City Clerk's Office.

(2) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of five (5%) percent of the bid will be required.

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New skills

Youngsters at Rawsonville Elementary School learned new skills from volunteer instructors during Self-Esteem Day. Handcrafts, cake decorating, outdoor camping and sports activities were among the skills students learned they could accomplish.

Library group seeks new friends

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Everybody needs more friends, and the Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library is no exception.

The group is seeking to expand its circle of friends to support the work of the library and to provide special services not allocated in the library budget.

Supported by contributions from Belleville, Sumpster Township and Van Buren Township, the Fred C. Fischer Library has struggled to meet the growing needs of the community, but the budget has not provided

sufficient funds for non-essential programs. The Friends of the Library was formed to fill those needs, according to the membership committee.

The library group has sponsored an Artist of the Month show, brought Michigan authors and speakers to the area, bought books on tape and provided funds for children's programs through membership fees and used book sales. The organization has received, administered and encouraged gifts, endowments and bequests on behalf of the library.

In addition, the group has beautified the courtyard with

flowering bulbs and plants.

The Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library is a non-profit organization, and contributions to the library are tax deductible.

Annual memberships are available for students and senior citizens for \$3, individuals for \$10, families for \$15 and businesses and organizations for \$25. Lifetime memberships are available for \$250.

Applications for membership and contributions may be sent to the Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, Mich. 48111.

Belleville band travels to Washington

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

A spring tour to Washington, D.C., was taken by the Belleville High School Symphony Band.

The trip was the first major band trip taken since 1980, according to BHS staff members.

During the three-day trip, the band visited Bolling Air Force Base and attended an

Israel Philharmonic concert at Kennedy Center.

The band visited the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, the Smithsonian Institution and Arlington National Cemetery.

Consultant seeks school post

A Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency employee is one of six candidates seeking two posts on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

LaVerne Finley and her husband, James, reside on Hoyt Drive. They are the parents of Dawn, 24; James, 23; and Derek, 17.

She has lived in Van Buren Township for 16 years.

Finley graduated from Most Pure Heart of Mary in Mobile, Ala., and attended Wayne County Community College and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned an associate's degree in 1989.



LaVerne Finley

Her current position as a WCRES consultant assistant

involves assisting in developing and implementing community-based instruction programs for special education students. Before her employment with the county agency, she was an interviewer at the University of Michigan Research Center.

"The district can cope with challenges by directing the issues to the school board for resolution. The school board will address the issues as to how they will affect the district, then develop strategies that will further enhance quality education in relationship to the guidelines of Public Act 25, referred to as the Quality Education Package," Finley said.

One-room school sets dedication

Dedication ceremonies for the Lowden Schoolhouse, one of the original 13 one-room schools which formed the Lincoln Consolidated Schools, are slated between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. May 18.

The Lowden School Preservation Committee, in cooperation with the school district, is sponsoring the dedication and an ice cream social on the site of the schoolhouse, near the Early Elementary building.

Entertainment will include the Cobblestone Dancers, Lincoln Elementary and secondary students, the Lincoln Community Choir, Sax and Horn Ensemble and the Sweet Adelines. Many local crafters and artisans will display their homemade items and refreshments will be available.

The Heritage Crafters will demonstrate rug making, embroidery, spinning and tatting.

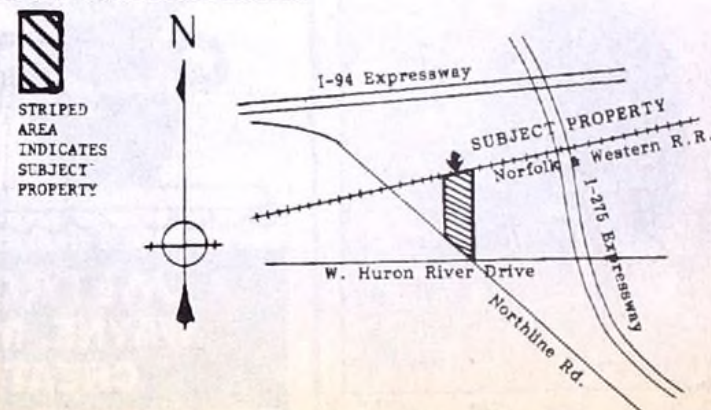
Lowden School was built in 1853, and is currently being restored. Upon completion, Lowden School will become a community museum and learning center for students.

The Lowden Schoolhouse Inc. will sell commemorative wooden nickels

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

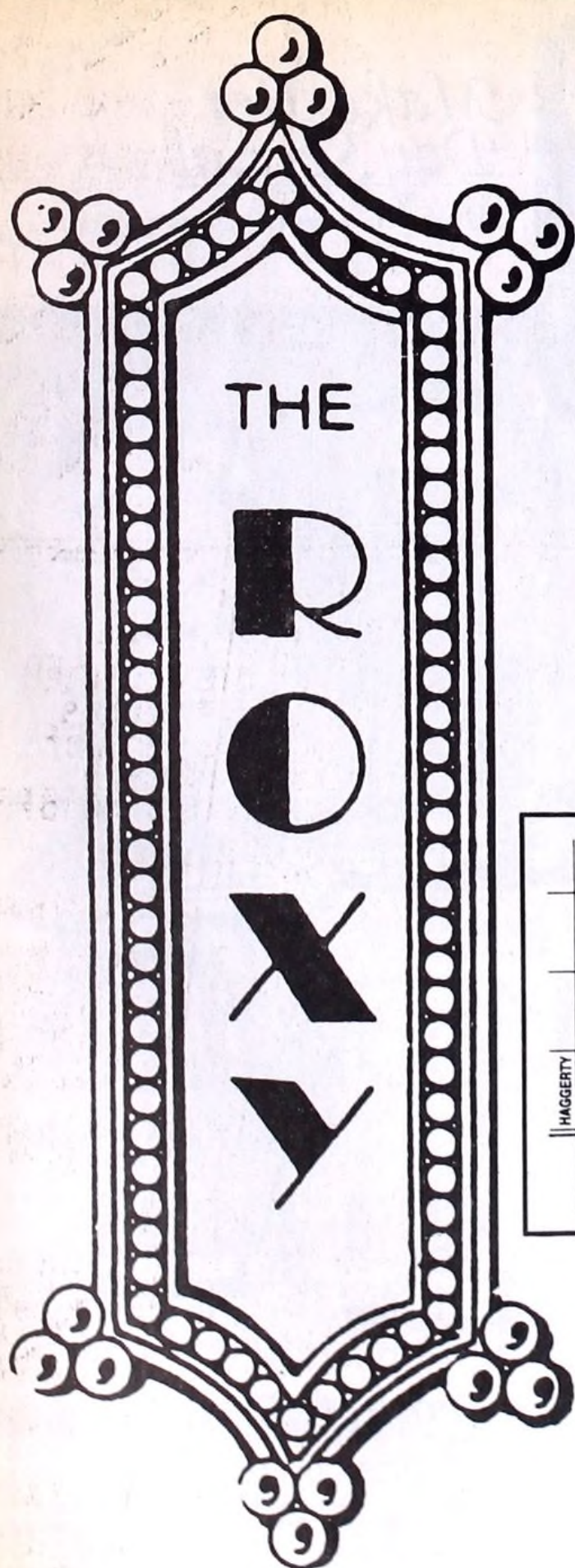
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All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments will be accepted no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, May 20, 1991 and should be addressed to David J. Paul, Director of Building, Safety and Engineering at the above mentioned address.



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Chelsea Nicole Schwyn was born at 1:18 a.m. April 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 12 inches long. Chelsea is the first child of proud parents, Richard and Melinda Schwyn Jr.

Proud grandparents are David and Rebecca Shadley of Saline and Richard and Diann Schwyn Sr. of Onsted.

Proud great-grandparents are Irene Schebur of Manchester, Irene Shadley of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Weissenberger of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rigby of Ohio.

Beth Ann Woodard

Beth Ann Woodard made her debut at 6:20 p.m. April 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Beth is the first child of Lori Ann and Johnny Mark Woodard.

Proud grandparents are Jerome and Carol Glass of Wayne, Doris Askison of Tennessee and Johnny Riley Woodard of Ohio.

Proud great-grandparents are Ernest and Agnes Leasure of Wayne.



Beth Ann Woodard

Lucas James Rice

Jim and Kathy Rice announce the arrival of their baby boy, Lucas James Rice, at 8:35 a.m. April 9 at Macomb Hospital Center.

Lucas weighed 7 pounds, 10 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jim and Gail Rice of Romulus and Pat and Gary Phillippe of Bloomfield.

Proud great-grandparents are Harold and Lu Balog of Dearborn Heights, Ethel Louise Rice of Romulus, Lucille and Clarence West of Sterling Heights and Margaret and Orville Phillippe of Arizona.

Todd Alexander Kruse

Todd Alexander Kruse was born at 1:07 a.m. April 24 at St. Joseph Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed by big brother, Brett Michael Kruse, 2 12.

Proud parents are Dan and Johanna Kruse. Proud grandparents are Nick and Ann Koppert of Belleville and Joan and Otto Kruse of Florida.

Nathan Alan Prouty

Nathan Alan Prouty was born at 12:22 p.m. April 14 at St. Joseph Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Nathan was welcomed by big sister, Nicole R. Prouty, 2.

Proud parents are James A. and Diane R. Prouty. Proud grandparents are James and Marlene Prouty and James and Beverly Visingardi.

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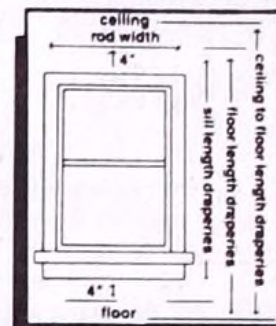


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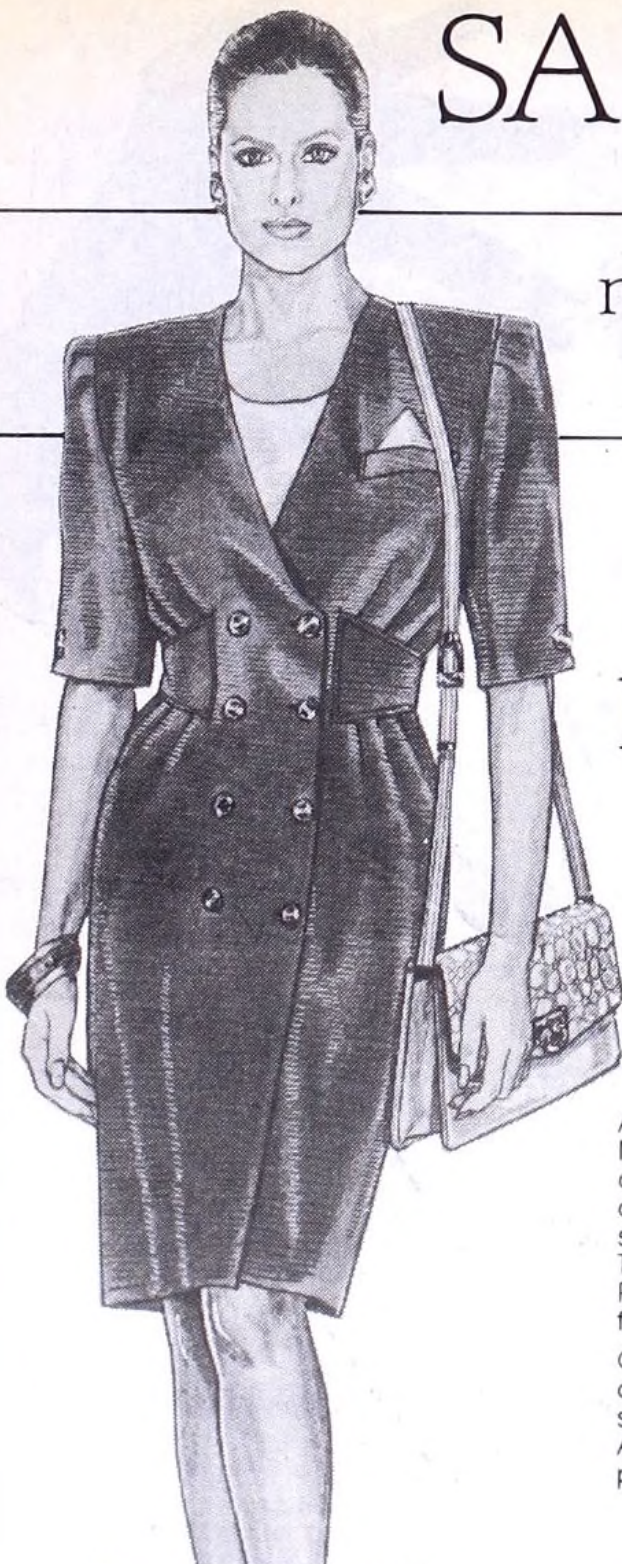
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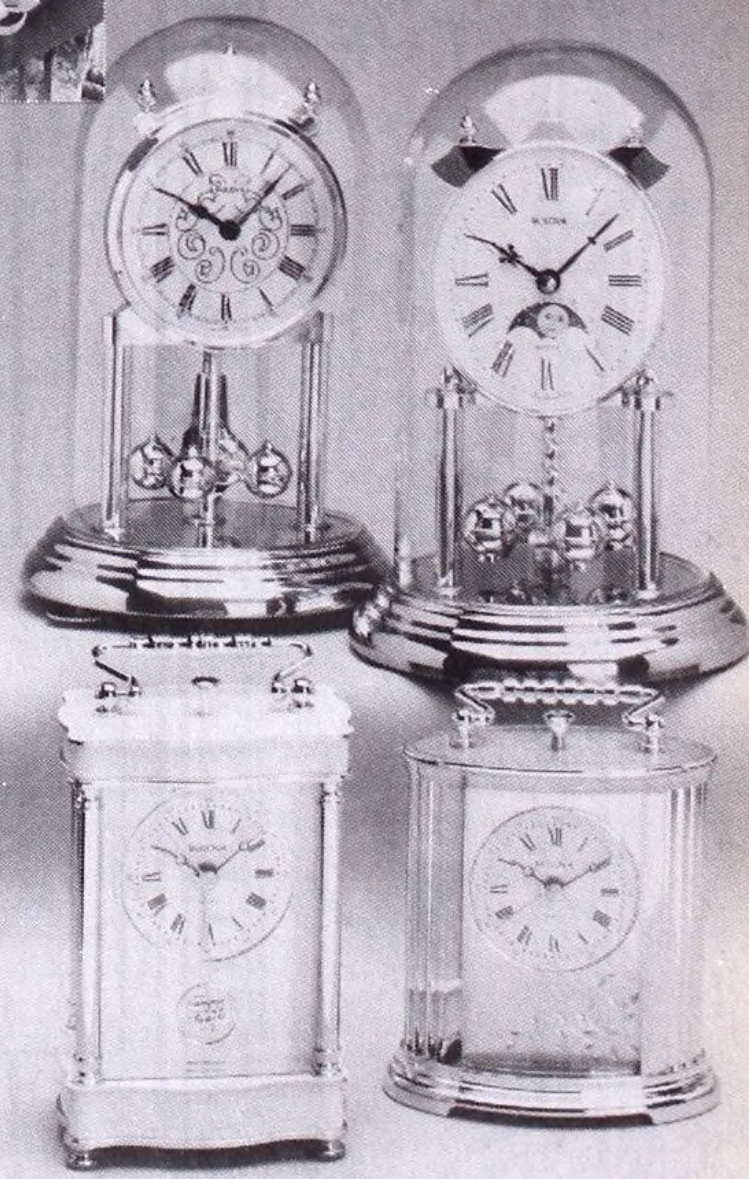
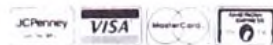
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Rate drop to stir local interest

Area financial experts said Friday they see some signs the credit crunch crippling the U.S. economy is easing, although they remain cautious in their optimism.

"Spring is generally the time of year people look for new homes because the kids are getting out of school," said Peter Ammon, branch vice president of First Nationwide Bank and Federal Savings Bank in Belleville. "Traditionally, this is the busiest time of the year for the home-lending business."

Hit hard by a series of bad property loans, bank managers have turned extremely cautious about extending credit to even the best borrowers.

Moreover, the credit stagnation has made it difficult for the Federal Reserve to get the economy moving again, forcing it to cut interest rates several times this year.

On April 30, the Federal Reserve cut the discount rate it charges banks to 5.5 percent from 6 percent, prompting many U.S. banks to drop their prime lending rates a half point to 8.5 percent.

The new rate is 1 percent lower than from the same time last year and the lowest since May 1988, according to local bank managers.

As a result, they expect to see substantial increases in short-term home equity loans. But long-term loans such as home mortgages, they say, may only increase slightly over the next couple months.

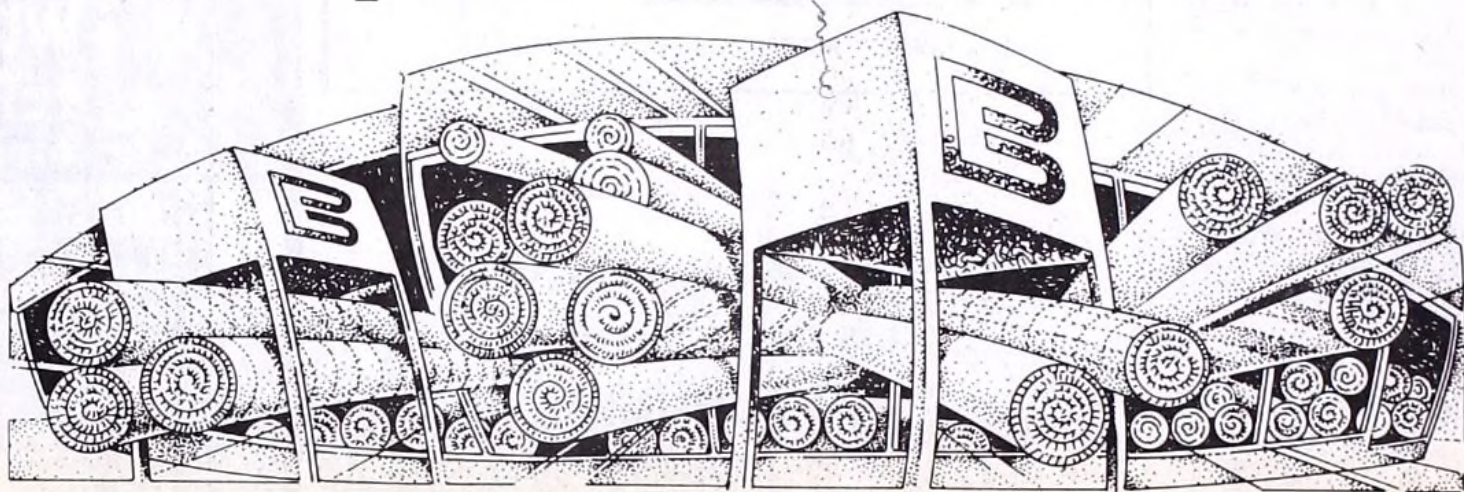
"The prime rate has some effect on the flavor of the economy," said Alex Nafranowicz, branch manager of First of America in Wayne. "We should see a slight surge in home sales. Home mortgages have hit rock bottom now. They'll probably go up during the summer months."

At Comerica, the drop to 8.5 percent is expected to push some local customers back into the market, despite the dismal economic cloud hanging over the country.

"If the rates continue to remain low, it will draw the marginal borrowers back in," Comerica spokesman Randy Boileau said. "This new rate should give them the impetus to take out a home improvement loan or even buy a new home. As rates start to fall, borrowing seems more attractive. And believe me, home borrowing has not been this attractive in years."



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The Kesslers have two children, Richard Kessler and Marcia Knack; and three grandchildren.

The anniversary party was for immediate family only. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kessler came in from Bloomington, Minn. Also present was Marcia and her husband and children.

After serving in WWII, Mr. Kessler worked in the jewelry business, until his retirement three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler both enjoy crafts, ceramics and traveling. They are now full-time travelers in a motor home.



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Alison Nowosielski

Jim and Alisa Nowosielski announce the arrival of their first child, Alison Marjorie Nowosielski, at 8:35 a.m. Feb. 15 at Annapolis Hospital.

Alison weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

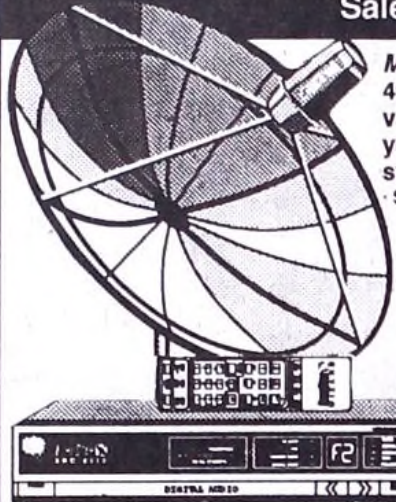
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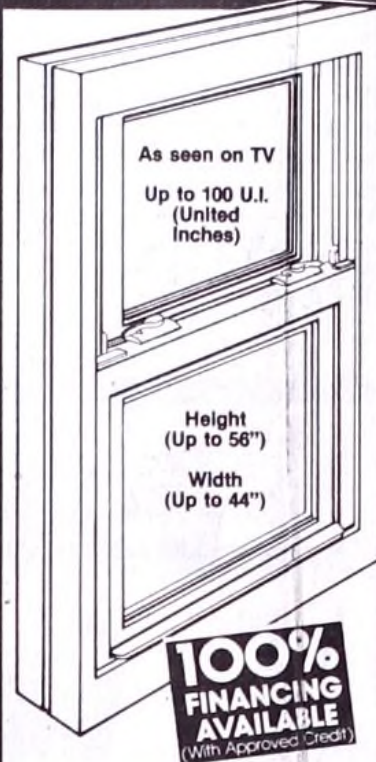
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Wife of former newspaper owner dies

Services were conducted Saturday for Ruth Clift, widow of the former co-publisher of The Associated Newspapers Inc.

Mrs. Clift, 75, died May 1 of an apparent heart attack in the home of her niece, Isabelle Osterberg, of Livonia. Mrs. Clift had taken up residency in her niece's home

after the death of her husband, Ray, in 1972.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Brian Tweedie of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia and at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Clift was employed at Elwell Elementary School as

a school secretary in the Van Buren School District. She retired after 30 years with the school district.

"She loved children," Osterberg said. "She used to call each of the pupils at the school 'her kids.'"

Mrs. Clift was an avid basketball fan, a sport she became knowledgeable about through her husband.

"For years, they never missed a River Rouge basketball game because Ray was so close to their coach (Lofton Green)," Osterberg said.

Mrs. Clift is survived by Osterberg and George Currier, a nephew. She was also the great aunt of Bert Jr., Gary, George Jr., Connie and Robert (Dorothy).

New Chinese restaurant opens

A taste of the Orient has been added to downtown Belleville with the opening of the New Pagoda Restaurant on Main Street.

The 90-year-old building, which is located at 396 Main St. in downtown Belleville, has been opened by Ming and Maria Leung. Another New Pagoda restaurant is located on Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads in Plymouth.

The Belleville location, which seats 75 people, is decorated in Oriental style, and provides an authentic atmosphere for the Far Eastern fare served there.

The Leung family, which came from Canton, China, now resides in nearby Canton Township.

Specializing in Cantonese, Mandarin and Szechuan cuisine, the restaurant also features American-style foods on its menu. However, diners should give their taste buds a treat by sampling the Cantonese Chicken Chow Mein, Almond Chicken, Gai Kow or Pepper Steak or trying the

Mongolian Beef, Princess
Pork or Mandarin's Delight.

Owner Maria Leung chooses the Imperial Lo Mein, pan-fried soft noodles with a stir-fry of chicken, scallops and shrimp, as her personal favorite among the many offerings on the menu.

She also recommends diners consider some of the Mandarin and Szechuan selections on the menu. For example, the Mongolian Beef, which features sliced beef tossed fried with green onions and garnished with crisped rice noodles, or the Princess Pork, shredded pork stir fried in a special sauce with fresh toasted peanuts and Szechuan dried pepper. Diners may also want to try the Szechuan Chicken, which is called "a dish fit for a king." The special chicken dish features shredded chicken sauteed in red, spicy sauce and snow peapods.

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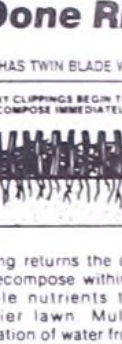


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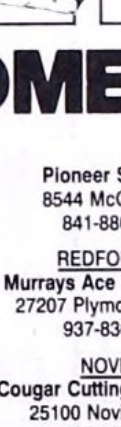
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Harris, Edna C.

Edna C. Harris, 82, of Ypsilanti died April 22, 1991 at Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti.

She is survived by her children, Donald E., James D. Dale and Jeanette Hess; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warner C. Sr.; son, Warner C. Jr.; and parents, Ernest and Mary Mayer.

She was employed at Van-Buren Convalescent Center for 14 years and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Services were at David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles H. Akre of the Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Marble Park Cemetery.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Kengle, Lola M.

Lola M. Kengle, 60, of Westland died April 21, 1991.

She is survived by her husband, George; children, James, Mary Lou Sommerfield and Sondra Gardetto; parents, Arthur and Irene Gronlund; brother, Arthur Gronlund Jr.; and grandchildren Adam and Alyson Sommerfield and Rachel Kenge.

Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with Gary Damon officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Memorial Park in Pleasant Hills, Pennsylvania.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan or The First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

Shaw, Daisy

Daisy Shaw, 79, of Westland died April 19, 1991.

She is survived by her children, Harry Jr., Janet Adkins and Earlene Hamlin; brothers, Rasha, Proctor and Curtis Conley; sister, Marie Traylor; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery.

Boelte, Marion

Marion Boelte, 60, of Westland died April 2, 1991.

She is survived by her aunts, Lucie Sprung, Anne Oelenkamp and Marie Massing; and numerous cousins and friends.

Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with Paul Panaretos officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Reed, Brent M.

Brent M. Reed, 44, of Westland died April 21, 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Onalee; children, Jeffrey and Deborah; brothers, Ronald and Gregory; and mother, Dorothy Gregory.

Funeral services were held at the Uht Funeral Home with John Kershaw officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery.

Frowner, Pamela

Pamela Lavern Frowner, 21, of Detroit died at Henry Ford Hospital.

She is survived by her son, Jacory Brandon; parents, Deborah and Herbert Frowner; sisters, Diane and Debbie; and her two grandfathers, two grandmothers, and one great-grandmother.

Funeral services were at Greater First Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Lee D. Gamble officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home.

Anderson, Harriet

Harriet Emma Anderson, 74, of Inkster died April 15, 1991 at Annapolis Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Ronald, Jacqueline, Michail, Patsy and Darlene; two sisters, one brother, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Peoples Community Baptist Church with the Rev. John Hearn officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home.

Blair, George O.

George O. Blair, 64, of Wayne died April 24, 1991 at Annapolis Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Opal; children, Louise, Kenneth and Virginia Claffey; sister, Ina Pittman; and grandchildren, Brent, Christopher and Brittany.

Funeral services were at Lents Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Strombaugh officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial.

Marion, Virginia Mae

Virginia Mae Marion, 53, of Inkster died April 19, 1991 at Annapolis Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Evan and Cedric Russel; brothers, Samuel Holt and Lester Holt; and sister, Eva Hunt.

Funeral services were at Penn Funeral Home with Jimmy Rose officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens.

Mingo Clayton

Clayton Mingo, 101, of Inkster died April 20, 1991 at Roney Manor Nursing Home.

He is the father of John, Charles, Ruth Smith and Martha Glaze. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son.

Funeral services were at Second Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Mar-

vin E. Glaze Sr. officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home.

DANIEL R. MELOCHE, 17, of Ann Arbor died April 20, 1991.

FLORENCE D. HALICKI, 88, of Belleville died April 22, 1991.

DESTINY M. VENDLANDS, the infant daughter of Joseph and Marie, of Westland died April 20, 1991.

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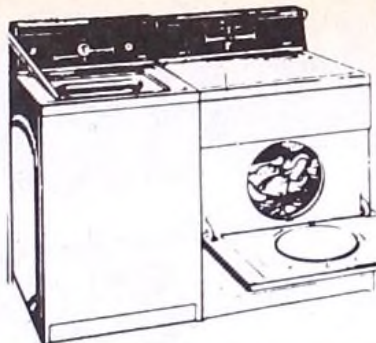
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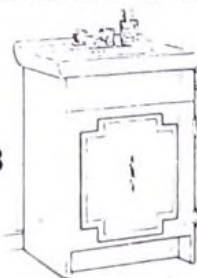


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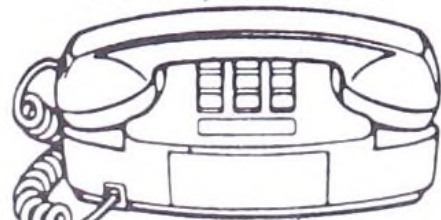
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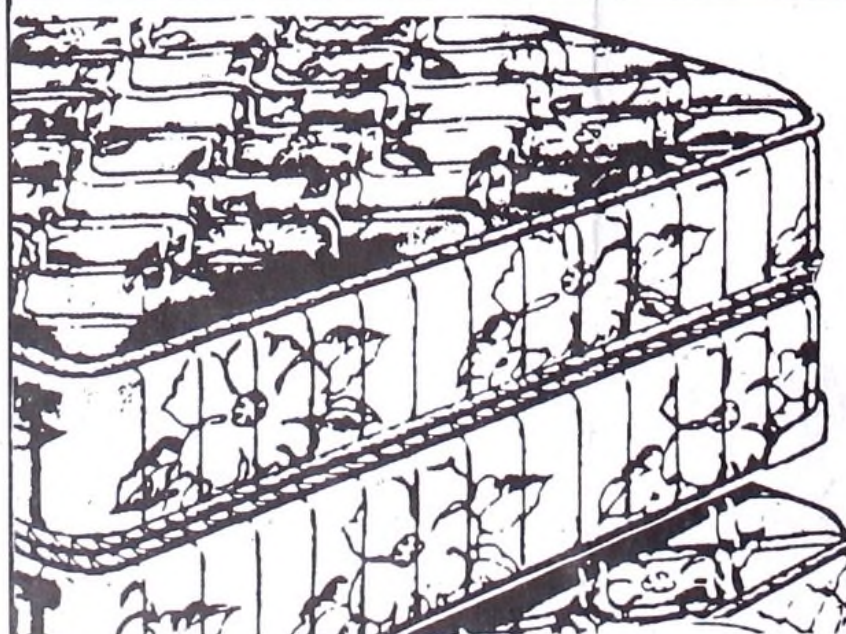


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Opinion

It's time to build a better bridge

A natural gap falls between the city of Detroit and the suburbs when considering matters for Wayne County.

That gap also seems to exist between the Wayne County Executive and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The leader of Detroit is no doubt Coleman A. Young. The leader of suburban Wayne County, from a collective standpoint, is certainly Edward McNamara, formerly mayor of Livonia.

The leader of the board of commissioners is Arthur Blackwell, a representative of parts of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park, a well-known backer of Young and a well-known opponent of McNamara.

So, the gap widens.

Blackwell spoke last week of the commissioners meeting with the mayors of all the communities in Wayne County. This meeting would secure for the commission, he believed, a more solid footing among constituents outside of the city.

You see, Blackwell is a politician, just like McNamara is a politician -- just like we are all politicians. Blackwell wants to make sure that the commission is adequately noticed for the things that they do.

Blackwell says he wants to narrow the gap, but it seems perhaps he just wants to be on both sides of the gap.

It's not a bad place to be. The middle is the place we should all move toward.

Obviously, it is important that we take stands on issues.

Maybe we would be better served, however, if we started at some middle ground and then worked from there.

All of the parties involved in the Tiger Stadium issue agreed, finally, that the stadium should remain in Detroit. That is a good place to start. Now, it is time for all those involved to finish the puzzle through a series of compromises.

It's politics. It's how the game works.

Blackwell wants the commission to be more respected in the suburbs. Perhaps then the commission should spend some time in the suburbs getting to know the people here.

The commission meets several times a year in the suburbs, but the bulk of their meetings and hearings are staged in Detroit.

Blackwell was surprised by the things he saw in the suburbs, as if he had spent little time here. He claimed to represent all of Wayne County, but does he even know the majority of the county?

Blackwell's intentions are good I'm sure. He has made a point worthy of consideration. The commission is the legislative branch of county government, and they should be acknowledged.

The commission and the Executive should start fresh and at least try to work as a team on those issues which they can arrive at an agreement.

The Executive's team and the commission should start to narrow the gap and both should adequately represent the needs of the entire county.

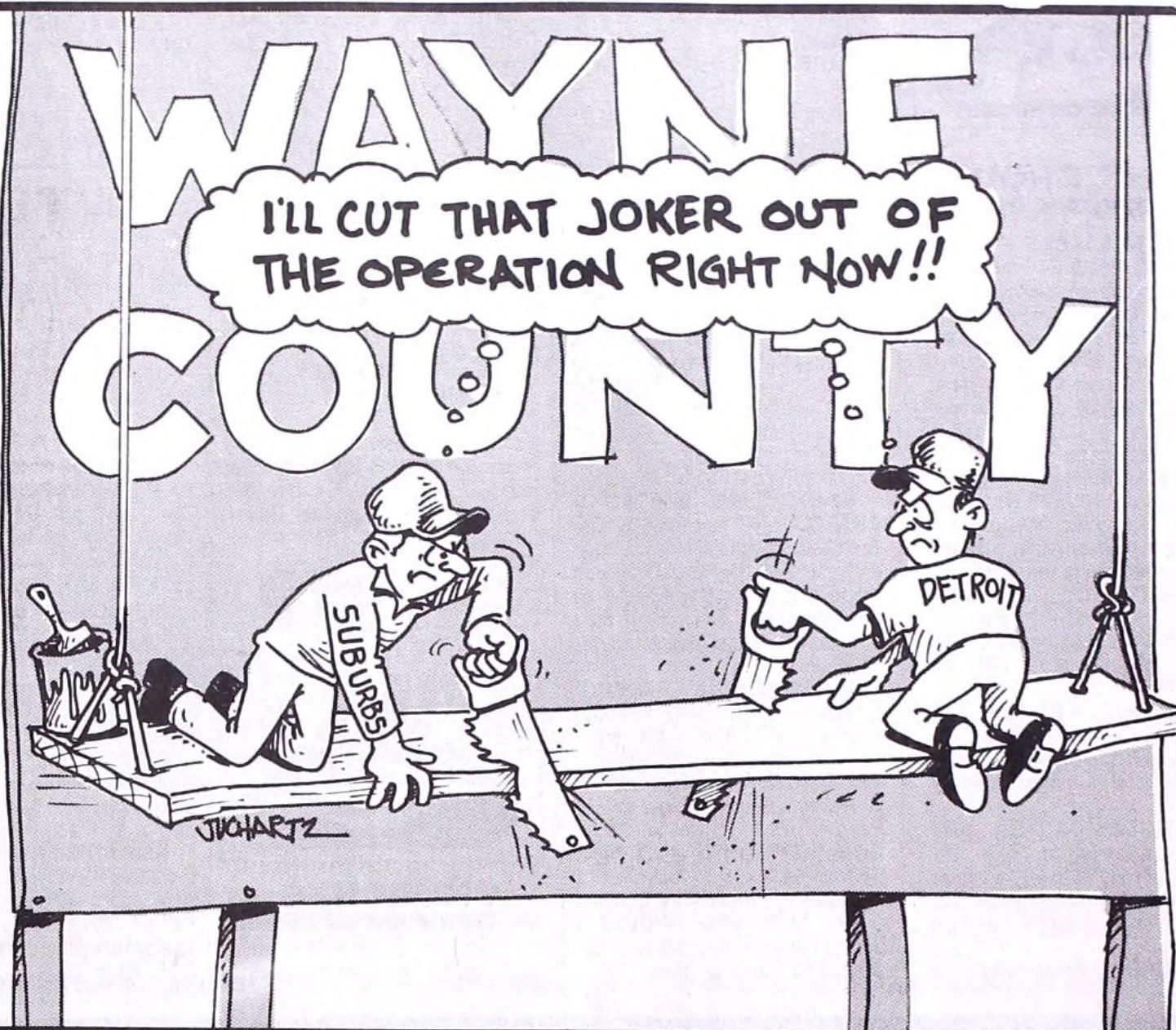
McNamara, however, is not the bad guy. Perhaps, the commission has just not taken the time to become better acquainted with the other two-thirds of their constituency.

We would have

Congratulations go to Bryan Amann for his victory in the 11th District County Commission election Tuesday.

We would have endorsed him Sunday, but lack of space prevented us from doing so.

He is a well-qualified candidate with first-hand knowledge of county government. He will not be a puppet for County Executive Edward McNamara, and yet will not fall to the whims of the "old guard" on the commission.



Farewell to the last of the "old guard"

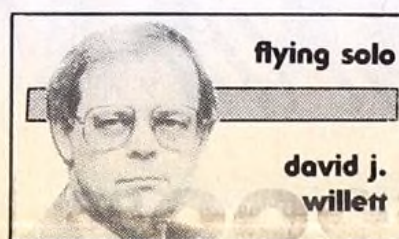
Here's a confession.

Some time ago, I stopped writing a weekly column. When people asked me the reasons, I would tell them that doing this every week took time, energy and thought, most of which are in very short supply for all of us lately.

But, as I learned years and years ago, people give reasons for their actions, and then there are the real reasons. If the truth were to be told, the real reason I discontinued these weekly efforts was simply the pain it caused. It really did hurt too much.

It was painful to relive life experiences which taught me a lot. It was hurtful to recall times and people in my life now long lost. It was uncomfortable to look back on decisions I made or actions I took and wish that I had had better information or instincts on which to base my judgments.

But several times recently, there have been incidents which have prompted me to begin, once again, to think about writing. Perhaps the real confession here is that, painful as it is, time consuming although it may be, I really do enjoy sharing these recollections and comments. I think that occasionally, it is more enjoyable for me than for the readers, and certainly far more therapeutic.



David J. Willett

This week the temptation to once again write could no longer be resisted and, as in the past, I'm blaming it on my mother.

She phoned me last night to wish me a happy birthday and during the conversation, she told me that one more of the old guard had died. That news took me by surprise and left me feeling that it could not go by without some comment.

My mother told me that Ruth Clift, the widow of Ray Clift, had died suddenly. Ray Clift was one of the original co-publishers of Associated Newspapers, along with Lou Robson and my father, Wes Willett. The three men and their wives were frequent social companions as well as business partners and it was a close group.

While my dad and Lou are both dead now, my mother is in an assisted living residence where she has help with the everyday activities we take for granted. Ruth had been living with a niece, although she had kept the home in Van Buren Township exactly as it was the day Ray

died. Rumor has it that his toothbrush hung in the bathroom and his pipe remained on the desk, just as he left them.

My mother had spoken to Ruth very recently following a phone conversation she and I had. Rummaging through old boxes and albums while sorting out the basement, I found a photo of my mom and dad with the Robsons and the Clifts at a local restaurant. When I mentioned it to my mother, she wondered about her old friend. I found Ruth's phone number for her, and Mom called Ruth.

They had a wonderful conversation, or so I'm told, and Ruth promised my mother that she would come to see her "very soon." These two women hadn't spoken in years, and yet, when my mother called, they had a wonderful conversation and reminisced about people and incidents long forgotten by most people.

My father and Ray Clift were men dedicated to their craft. They were career newspaper men. Ruth Clift and my mother did what wives were supposed to do, according to the rules of society at that time. They were patient, supportive and loving. It was a different time with different values, and speaking to someone who shared those times was a wonderful thing for my mother.

The last time I spoke with Ruth, several years ago, she spoke very nostalgically about those past times and of her love and devotion to her husband. It was no secret to anyone who knew them that she worshipped Ray. She explained to me that she could never think about selling the home they shared because it was "Ray's baby". He'd had the house built exactly to his specifications and it was uniquely his.

During their phone conversation, Ruth told my mom, "I'm coming to see you Midge. I'm going to get out there very soon." My mother was thrilled and waiting for the visit.

It never happened. Ruth Clift died last week before she had a chance to visit her old friend. How many other things had Ruth planned to do before she ran out of time?

It reminded me to begin to take the time to do the things I want to do. I would urge you to do the same. If there is an old friend in your life with whom you haven't spoken in a long time, do it now. If you haven't talked to your parents, call or visit them. Do the things that will bring some warmth or some happiness to you and to those you love. Life really is very short.

Do something you enjoy. Me? I'm writing this column. Good bye Ruth. Say hello to Ray for me.

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VIEWPOINTS: What is your favorite thing to do or favorite place to go on a Saturday night?



Stacey Herterstein
manager
Canton

"We like to get Chinese food, a bottle of wine, a couple videos and curl up on the couch for the evening."



Hafeeza Khalifa
secretary
Romulus

"I like to sit around and watch TV with my daughter and just relax."



Danni Germano
student
Wayne

"I like to spend time with my boyfriend, Steve, and maybe go to dinner and the movies."



Chuck Krapitz
mechanic
Inkster

"Because my wife works, I usually go out with the guys to a baseball or basketball game and maybe have a few drinks."



Jim Wisniewski
general manager
Westland

"I am a single parent, and I am involved in sports with my children. I usually play sports with them on Saturday afternoons and evenings."



Lisa Gonczy
bookkeeper
Belleville

"I get together with my friends and have a couple of beers."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEND INFORMATION -- Items for the "Community Calendar" should be submitted in writing no later than noon Thursday to Community Calendar Associated Newspapers, P.O. Box 578, Wayne, Mich. 48184. Each calendar event should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information, phone our newsroom at 729-4000.



CLUBS, GROUPS

TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB -- Learn communication and leadership skills at The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club of Champions in the friendly atmosphere of support. The Holy Smoke Masters meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Dennys of Westland at 7725 N. Wayne Road. Information: 455-1635. Guests are welcomed.

ROMULUS ROVERS WALKING CLUB -- Walk three times a week. For information on walk site and membership, phone 941-2215.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS -- meets at 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday at the Taylor Moose Hall. Phone 928-4411.

MASONIC TEMPLE OF BELLEVILLE -- will host an all-you-can-eat southern-style breakfast the first Sunday of every month.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES -- will meet at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For further information, phone 453-1915.

ENCORE -- Postmastectomy

Group for Women will meet from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. every Monday at the Dearborn Athletic Club. For more information, phone 561-4110.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT GROUP -- for moms of all ages in the Belleville area. For more information, phone 697-4409.

CIVIL AIR PATROL -- Willow Run Airport Cadet Squadron meets at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday. Adult members perform flight operations and unit administrative functions. For more information, phone 697-5330.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS -- Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Friday at the Wayne Amvets. For more information, phone 595-7806.

SOUTHEAST SUBURBAN MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB -- meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. Phone 942-9673.

THE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL -- A support group for families will meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Annapolis Hospital -- Westland Center in conference room A. Phone Peggy Morey at 562-2274.

LEADS CLUB, DEARBORN CHAPTER -- will meet at 7:30 a.m. each Thursday at the Marriott Residence Inn in Dearborn. The club offers business people with an effective means to increase their business. Phone Ed Jarvis at 277-0300.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP -- for family members and friends of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Leisure Village, 31720 Van Born Road in Wayne. Phone Geraldann DiDomenico at 326-8030. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Detroit Area Chapter.

THE WESTLAND JAYCEES -- annual membership drive is under way. The Jaycees meet every

Tuesday of each month at the Westland Sports Arena at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 729-5083 or 722-1630.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS -- Members of the support group for overeaters meet at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland; every Monday at Growth Works, Inc. in Plymouth; every Thursday at Unity Church in Inkster. Phone 545-LIFE.

FORD MOTOR WOMEN'S CLUB -- will sponsor an evening of wine tasting at the Henry Ford Estate -- Dearborn from 5:30 to 7:30 May 16. Phone 356-4318.

ALANON -- meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Meetings are closed to the general public. For information phone 461-6031.

WAYNE COUNTY SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CITIZENS -- will meet at 7 p.m. May 21 at the Henry Ford Library, Dearborn. A parent will speak about her son's recent experience with Auditory Integration Training. Phone 427-2136.

VOYAGERS SINGLES -- for those 45 and older will travel to Lansing May 18 for a tour of the Capitol and Historical Museum. Phone 591-1350 to sign up for the trip. At 7:30 p.m. May 24, a representative from Corporate Travel Services, Inc. will show travel slides.

WIDOW'S ORGANIZATION -- is accepting reservations for their August trip to Chicago. Phone 582-3792.



CHURCHES

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD -- in Belleville offers an informative

Bible class every Tuesday. For more information, phone the church.

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH -- is accepting registrations for youngsters ages 3 to pre-kindergarten for the fall 1991 cooperative preschool program. Classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:15 to 11:15. Cost is \$35 per month, plus \$25 registration fee. Phone 981-0286. The church is located in Canton Township.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH -- in Westland will host a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 23 and 24, and 9 a.m. to noon May 25. Refreshments available. Church is located on Venoy, just north of Ford Road.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WAYNE -- will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 10 and 9 a.m. to noon May 11. Baked goods will also be offered for sale.

GREAT FAITH TEMPLE -- of Inkster will host Pastor Howard Tillman May 29 and 31 at the church. The Great Faith Festival will be staged June 5 through 9. For information, phone 274-5430.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH -- Women's Club will present "Christian Women Enduring the Storm" at 11 a.m. May 19. The speaker will be the honorable Sylvia James.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -- will stage a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 17, and 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 18 at the church on Avondale, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD -- Ladies Guild will sponsor a rummage and bake sale beginning at 9:30 a.m. May 16 and 17.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL -- is a preschool in Plymouth Township. Applications are being accepted for the fall 1991 preschool programs. Classes are for children aged 2 1/2 to 5. Each class is taught by a

certified teacher who is assisted by two parent aides. Hands-on activities are the norm, with lots of cooking, singing, art, books and building. For further information, phone 420-3331.

ALL-BREED DOG OBEEDIENCE CLASSES -- are being offered by the Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club at the American Legion Hall in Farmington. Phone 476-2477 or 459-3856.

ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL -- in Dearborn Heights is accepting registrations for kindergarten. An open house is slated for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. May 21 at the school on Inkster Road.

RESUME WRITING -- Growth Works, Inc., located in Plymouth, is offering resume-writing services for \$25. The fee includes development of the resume, printing five original copies and envelopes. Phone Tom at 455-4093. Growth Works is a non-profit community organization.



REUNIONS

The following schools/organizations are planning reunions:

• **WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL** Class of 1971 wishing to form a committee. Interested class members contact Pamela Connoles at 722-7311.

• **BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** Class of 1971. Phone 1-800-397-0010.

• **CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL** Class of 1976. Phone 1-800-397-0010.

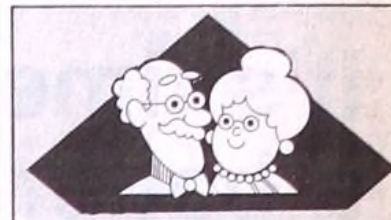
• **WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL** Class of 1971 reunion on Oct. 5, 1991. Phone 326-8595 or 675-0659.

• **EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL** Center. Phone 595-1711 or 721-1202.

• **ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL** class of 1971, Aug. 24 at Airport Holiday Inn. Phone Diane Ryznar-Terry at 942-0326.

• **EPIPHANY GRADE SCHOOL** class of 1965, July 25. Phone Dorothy at 477-9478.

• **CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL** class of 1971. Phone 354-6457 or 354-5567.



SENIORS

THE WESTLAND SENIOR RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FRIENDSHIP CENTER -- Activities have been planned at the Westland Senior Friendship Center on Newburgh Road in Westland. The center is open Monday through Friday.

• Volunteer recognition day will be May 10 with a luncheon and ceremony from noon to 4 p.m.

• Travel Group meets at 12:45 p.m. every Friday unless a trip is planned. Group includes speakers and weekly door prize.

• Stress and isolation counseling 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays by appointment only. Service offered by Annapolis Hospital. \$5 fee.

• Center will be closed May 27 for Memorial Day holiday.

• Basic foot care is available to seniors from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday at the Friendship Center by appointment only.

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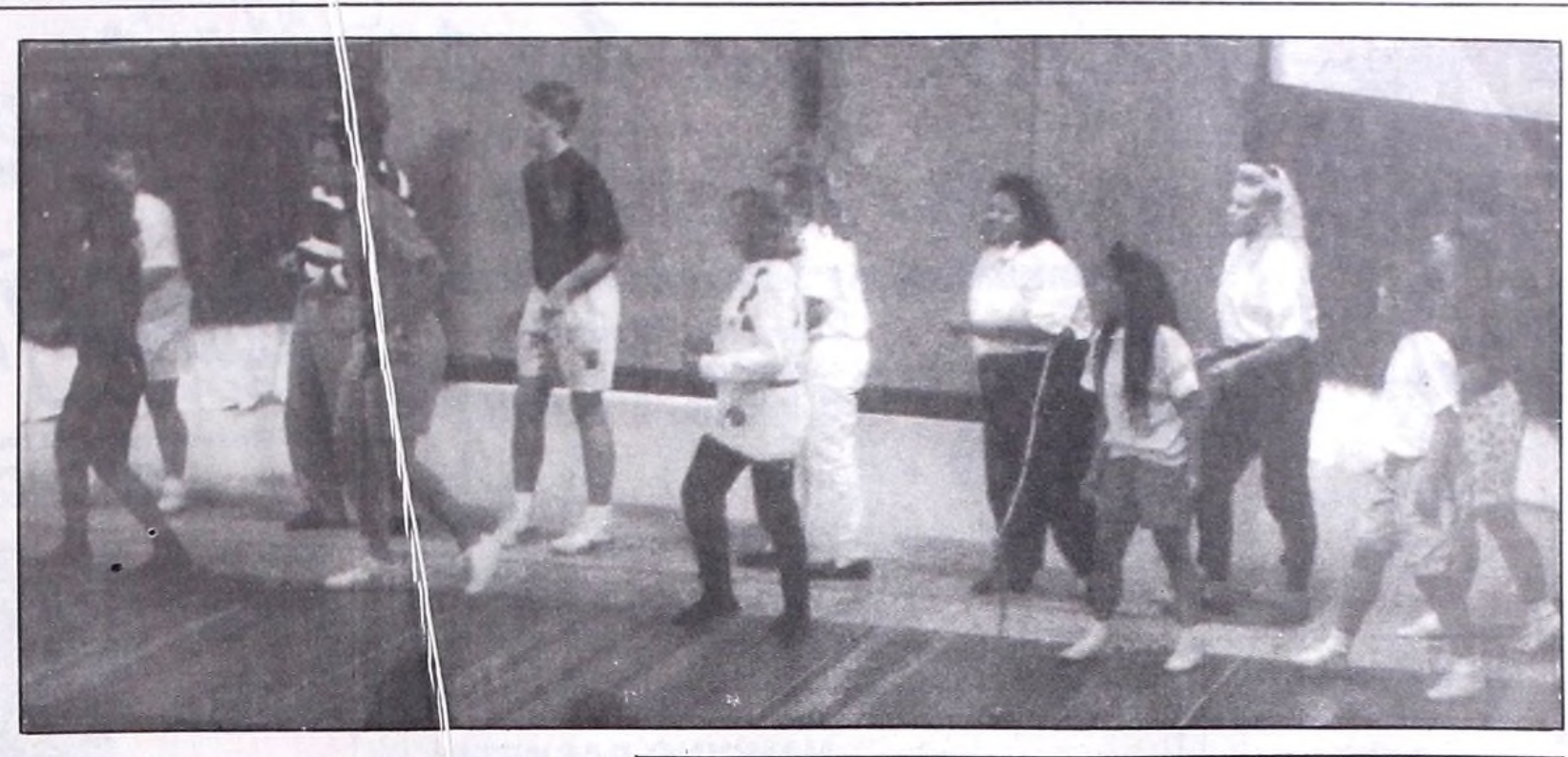
- Blood-pressure screening is offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every third Thursday of the month.
- Handyman referral service is available for those needing help around the house. For information, phone 721-7400.
- Medicare information is provided to Wayne seniors by appointment. A trained counselor will provide information about benefits claims and appeals. Call the center for details.

ROMULUS SENIOR CITIZENS --
The following activities have been planned at the Romulus Senior Center on Bibbins Road. The center is open Monday through Friday.

- Home helpers are available to those who need extra assistance. For more information, phone 722-2830.
- Insurance information is available beginning at noon every Thursday. The service is free.
- Senior Day at Bob-lo will be June 4. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by May 14.



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The Clarenceville United Methodist Church choir Positive I.D. performs in Livonia. The group will perform in Romulus Saturday and at the Second Grace United Methodist Church in Detroit on May 19. The church is located at 18700 Joy Road.

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WAYNE COUNTY FAIR -- will be staged Aug. 6 through 10 at the fairgrounds.

HOLLIDAY NATURE PRESERVE ASSOCIATION -- spring

wildflower tour at 10 a.m. May 12. Meet Phil Crookshank of the Sierra Club at the Cowan Road entrance to the preserve. Park at the north end of the Service Merchandise

parking lot.

MOMENTS OF MADNESS -- presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council May 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. at the Salem High School

Auditorium. General admission \$9.

NINTH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF -- sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees will be June 30 at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Chili cooks

must register by June 1.



HEALTH

BLOOD DRIVES WILL BE --
hosted at the following locations:

- **ROMULUS FIRE STATION 3** -- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11. Station is located at 19120 Middlebelt Road.
- **ANNAPOLIS HOSPITAL --** Westland Center on Merriman Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15.
- **STS. SIMON AND JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH --** on Hubbard Road in Westland, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18.
- **VFW BOVA ENGINEERS POST 9885 AND AUXILIARY --** located on Hix Road in Westland, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 20.
- **WILLIAM D. FORD VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER --** on Marquette in Westland, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 29.
- **VAN DRESSER CORP. --** 1515 Newburgh Road in Westland, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 29.

ADOLESCENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND PREVENTION -- will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday during April at Annapolis Hospital -- Westland Center. Phone Susan Kozak at 467-2600.

HURON VALLEY AMBULANCE -- will be offering three basic EMT training courses beginning in May. Phone 971-7760.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 12TH ANNUAL RUN -- will take place June 16. Various races for different age groups will begin during the morning hours. Phone 453-2904 for registration information or to volunteer.

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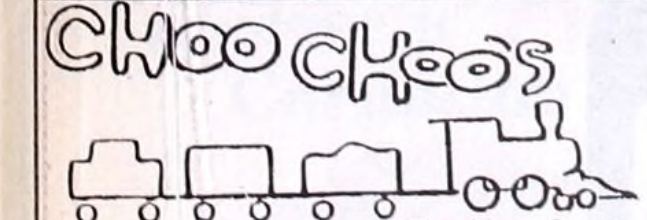
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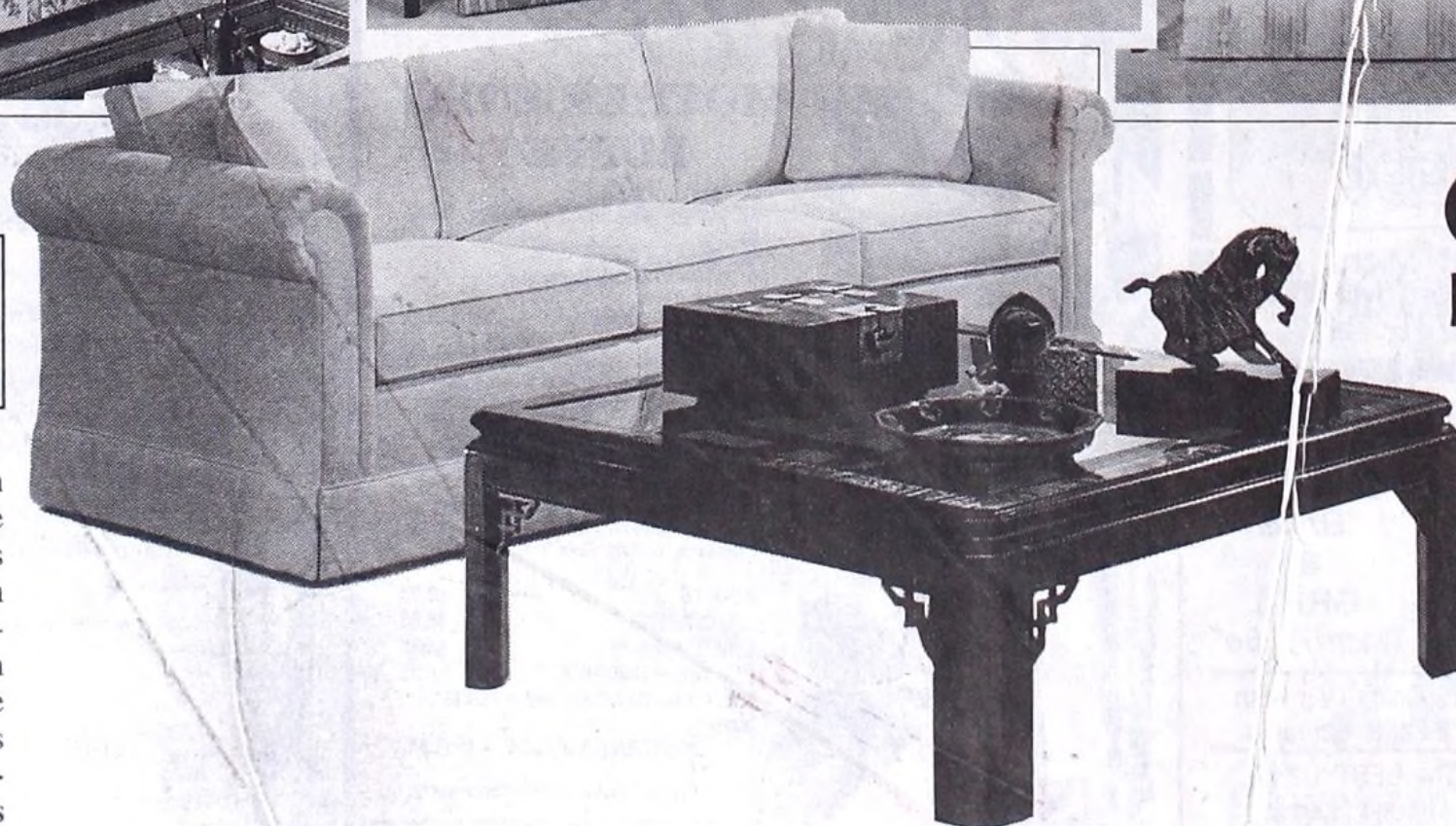
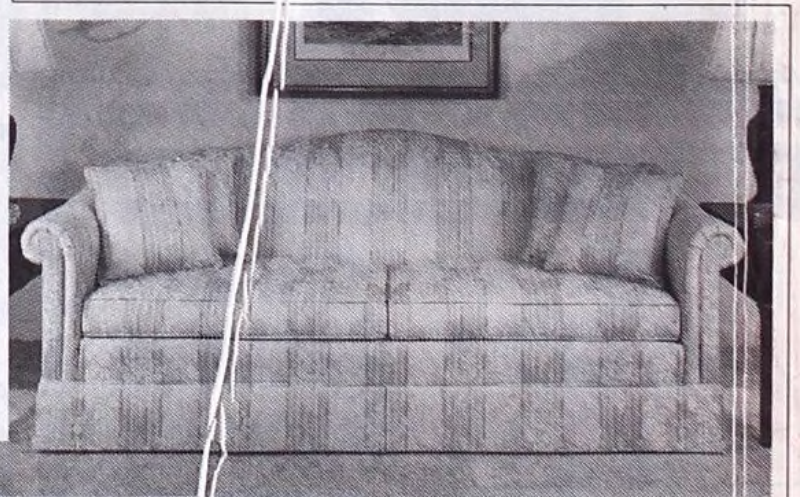
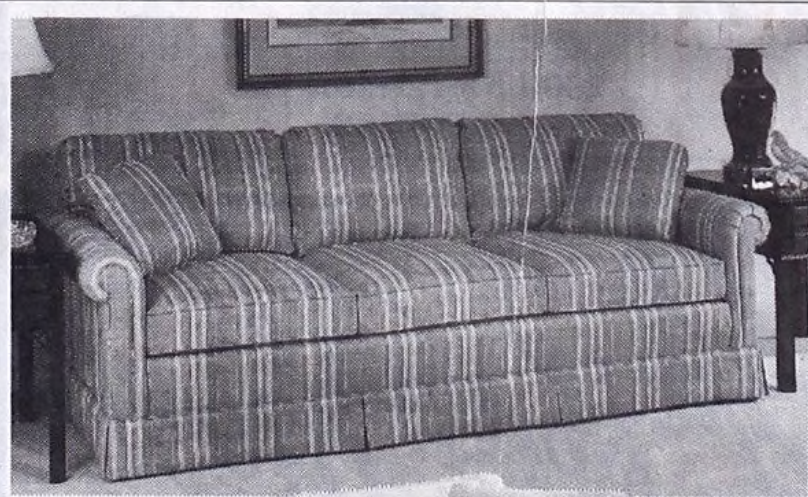
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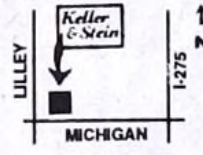
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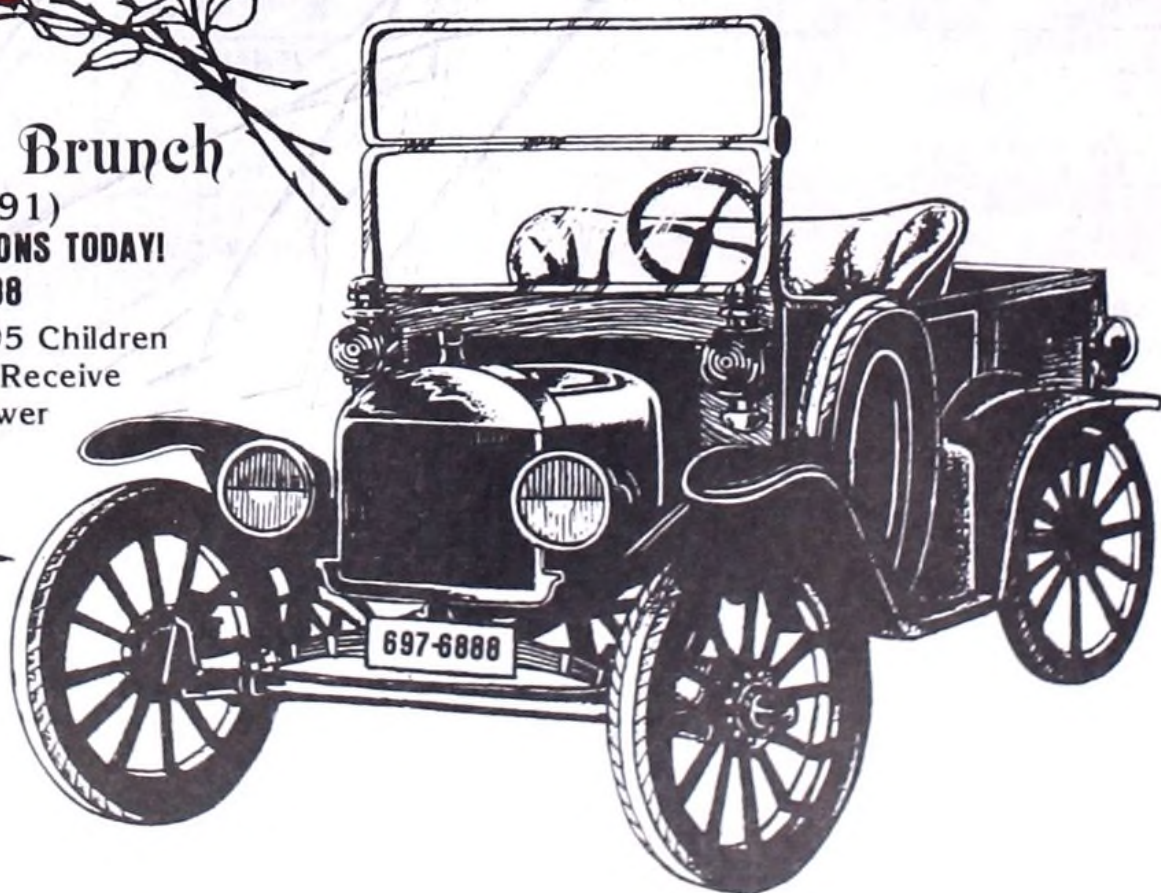


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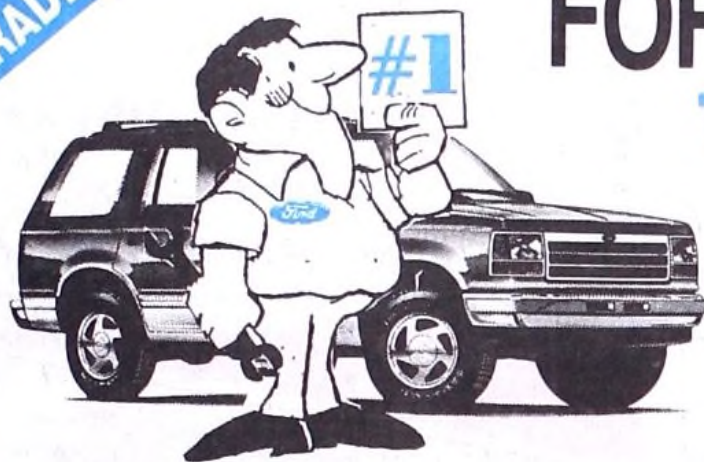
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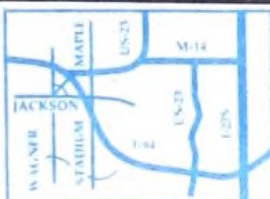
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Wayne hurler humbles Redford Catholic Central 5-0

Jason Wetmore pitched himself right into the high school baseball record books last week.

The junior right-hander pitched a perfect game against Redford Catholic Central for the first time locally since former Wayne Memorial ace Ron Way accomplished the remarkable feat in 1987.

Wayne and Wetmore went on to beat the Shamrocks 5-0 at an invitational co-sponsored by Redford Union and Thurston.

"It's a feat that all pitchers

dream about, but comes to only a rare and selected few," Wayne Coach Jim Chronowski said. "Way did it back there in 1987 and when you consider how many high school games are played around here, some five years have elapsed since someone did it again. That's how rare a feat this is."

Way is currently playing professional ball with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Wayne scored early against Catholic Central, tilting the scoreboard for two runs in the first frame then

"We played exceptional ball in this tournament. We faced some of the top-caliber clubs around and managed to come out looking good."

Jim Chronowski

putting single runs on the board the next three innings.

Joe Coughlin sparked the Zebras, accounting for two of their six hits, including a solo home run in the third. His single in the first produced the Zebras' first run.

Wayne also posted a come-

from-behind 6-5 victory over Livonia Stevenson at the tournament. Wetmore again led the charge, earning the decision in relief of starter Ron Hopkins. With the score tied at 5-5, Wetmore got on base to spark the rally in the sixth.

He then stole second. Coughlin, who struck out, reached first when the catcher dropped the ball.

That brought Jeff Hargis to the plate, who came up with a pinch-hit sacrifice fly that drove in the winning run.

Doug Leverenz, Scott Goleniak and Mike Martin each chipped in two hits for the winner.

Wayne was forced to settle for second best at the invitational after losing an extra-inning affair 3-1 to Plymouth Canton.

Canton spoiled Coughlin's one-hit pitching gem when the Chiefs managed to string together a pair of walks, an error and a solid single for the winning runs.

Chronowski was pleased with his club's weekend performance, and the effort, he said, showed the team could play with the best of them.

"We played exceptional ball in this tournament," the veteran Wayne coach said. "We faced some of the top-caliber clubs around and managed to come out looking good."

Buford's triple doesn't stop arch-rival John Glenn

Despite a sterling performance by Wayne Memorial senior Alan Buford, the Zebras fell to Westland John Glenn 65-63 in a nonconference track meet.

With the school district bragging rights at stake, the Westlanders put together key victories in the relays -- winning three of them -- to clinch the victory.

"It's the first time we have beaten Wayne in track as long as I have been here," said Glenn Coach Jess Shough, who moved up to the head coaching title this year after serving as an assistant for five years. "It was a real good meet. A fan-pleaser, and I am happy that the kids had enough in them to win it."

But it was Buford's show. The lanky senior soared 20'6 3/4" to capture a gold in the long jump competition. Then he came back and dominated the 100- and 200-meter dash events. Buford led the field in the 100 with an impressive 11.14 and was clocked in 23.18 for the 200.

Glenn senior Davis Arbour also went into the record books. Arbour established a Rocket record when he placed first in the discus with the toss of 161'8 1/2 inches. He shattered Bill Dye's record. Dye held the record since 1980 when he won the conference title with a 159'9" effort.

Glenn also was second in the discus with

Jason Key, whose 155'5" performance took the silver.

The Westlanders also placed first in the 400 meters with Randy Seach (51.33) and the 800 meters with Jason Nowicki (2:08.49).

However, it was the Rockets' relays that eventually turned the day for them. They captured three of the five events.

In the 3,200 meters, Scott Henson, Jeff Tapper, Bob Lulek and Jason Nowicki toured the course in 9:01.82, while Shough's 800-meter relay team of Jeff Woloskie, Juan Peters, Lamar Ellison and Search turned in the winning time of 1:33.49.

Glenn had the best 400-meter relay team in Ellison, Brandon Buck, Brian Schultz and Ed Jeannin, who finished in 45.5.

Wayne went on to dominate the hurdlers with James Grady, who contributed a first in the 110 highs with a 15.18 and came up with a 42.15 to win the 300-meter hurdles.

Matt Johnson put the 1,600 meters into the Wayne win column (4:48.8), and Aaron Simpson won the 3,200 meters in 10:52.5.

Wayne also won the 1,600-meter relay with Joe Dumont, James Grady, Michael Hooks and Phil Gibson turning in a 3:36.9.

The John Glenn girls track team also beat Wayne 80-48.

Salem ends Glenn track rule

An era came to an end last week as Plymouth Salem handed defending Western Lakes Conference and division champions John Glenn its first league setback.

The Rocks beat the Glenn 80-57 and have established themselves as the 'team to beat' in the conference this year.

However, the crown still remains in the hands of Glenn.

"We still have a chance," Glenn Coach Jess Shough said. "Everything will ride on the conference meet. We must finish first in order to retain the title."

Glenn joined the conference five years ago and had not previously lost a dual meet in the league.

Despite the loss, the Rockets received an outstanding performance in Randy Seach, who picked up a pair of first places in the

dashes. He was clocked in 11.28 in winning the 100 meters and churned a 51.5 for a victory in the 400.

The Rockets also had winners in the 200 meters in Lamar Ellison, who hit the tape in 24.25, and they won the pole vault event thanks to Tony Donnelly, who cleared 11'6".

Seach also helped the Rockets win the 800-meter relay. He teamed up with Jim Woloskie, Juan Peters and Ellison for a 1:37.4. And Ellison, Brandon Buck, Brian Schultz and Ed Jeannin put the 400-meter relay into the Rocket win column (44.7).

Glenn won the 1,600-meter relay with Scott Henson, Tony Donnelly, Nowicki and Seach (3:28).

"We really got an exceptional effort from Seach," Shough said.

Vikings take out their frustration on Highland Park

After a controversial 14-12 setback at the hands of Oak Park earlier this week, Inkster took its frustrations out on a hapless Highland Park.

Coach Jerome Orr and the Vikings buried the Parkers 20-2 as the Inkster bats came alive for 12 hits. The victory lifted the Vikings to a 2-5 record in the Suburban Athletic Conference standings. They will face Willow Run at home today.

"After that loss to Oak Park, our kids were really down," Orr said. "They came back and took out their frustrations on Highland Park. We need to keep this momentum going."

Starter Charles Adams, who worked the first three innings, was credited with the victory. He allowed one of the two hits the Parkers collected. The other, a harmless single, came off Inkster

reliever Mundo Purdue in the fourth.

The game was called in the fifth because of the mercy rule. That rule is in effect whenever a team has a 10 or more run advantage over an opponent.

Bernard Reeves, a senior left fielder, led the Viking assault on loser Ken Armstrong, who was tagged for 12 hits. Reeves chased home three runs with a triple and a

pair of singles.

Adams helped his own cause with three singles, a double and two singles. He also scored twice, while Craig Lewis finished the afternoon with two hits.

Inkster dropped a controversial 14-12 slugfest to the Redskins who, after scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth, including the tying and go-ahead runs, had the game called in that inning.

Officials apparently terminated the game after two players exchanged words.

"I am going to file a protest on this one," Orr said. "I don't understand why they called the game, and believe me, we're angry about that."

Inkster had rallied for two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 10-9 lead, but the Redskins came back and put the three decisive runs on the scoreboard.

Scheffer hits 2 more home runs against Farmington

The John Glenn Rockets continued pursuit of a baseball league championship by routing the Farmington Falcons 18-4 Monday. The victory over its division opponent kept Glenn at the top with a 5-1 league record.

Both teams played errorless defense. The difference in the game was the relentless Glenn hitting attack.

"It was one of the best displays of hitting for us as a team that I can remember," Rocket Coach Norm Hoenes said.

The Rocket offense racked up 18 runs on 18 hits. Not one

"We hit the ball real good. When you have no strike outs and only three walks, you know you are putting the ball in play."

Norm Hoenes

Rocket hitter struck out.

Leading the hit parade was big Lawrence Scheffer who banged out a pair of round-trippers. Scheffer now has nine homers for a school record, smashing the previous record of four. He also has 31 RBIs on the season.

"He's got the size and strength that college baseball programs like to see," Hoenes said.

For the game, Scheffer went 4 for 5 with three RBIs. But he had plenty of help in the hitting department.

Andy Gagne had a homer

after Scheffer's in the second inning. John Ward also homered in the inning.

Ward ended the day 3 for 3 with two walks, which put him on base five times. He scored all five times.

Other Rocket stars were shortstop Gary Pierce, who was 4 for 5 with two RBIs, and Aaron Scheffer, who finished 4 for 5 with four RBIs.

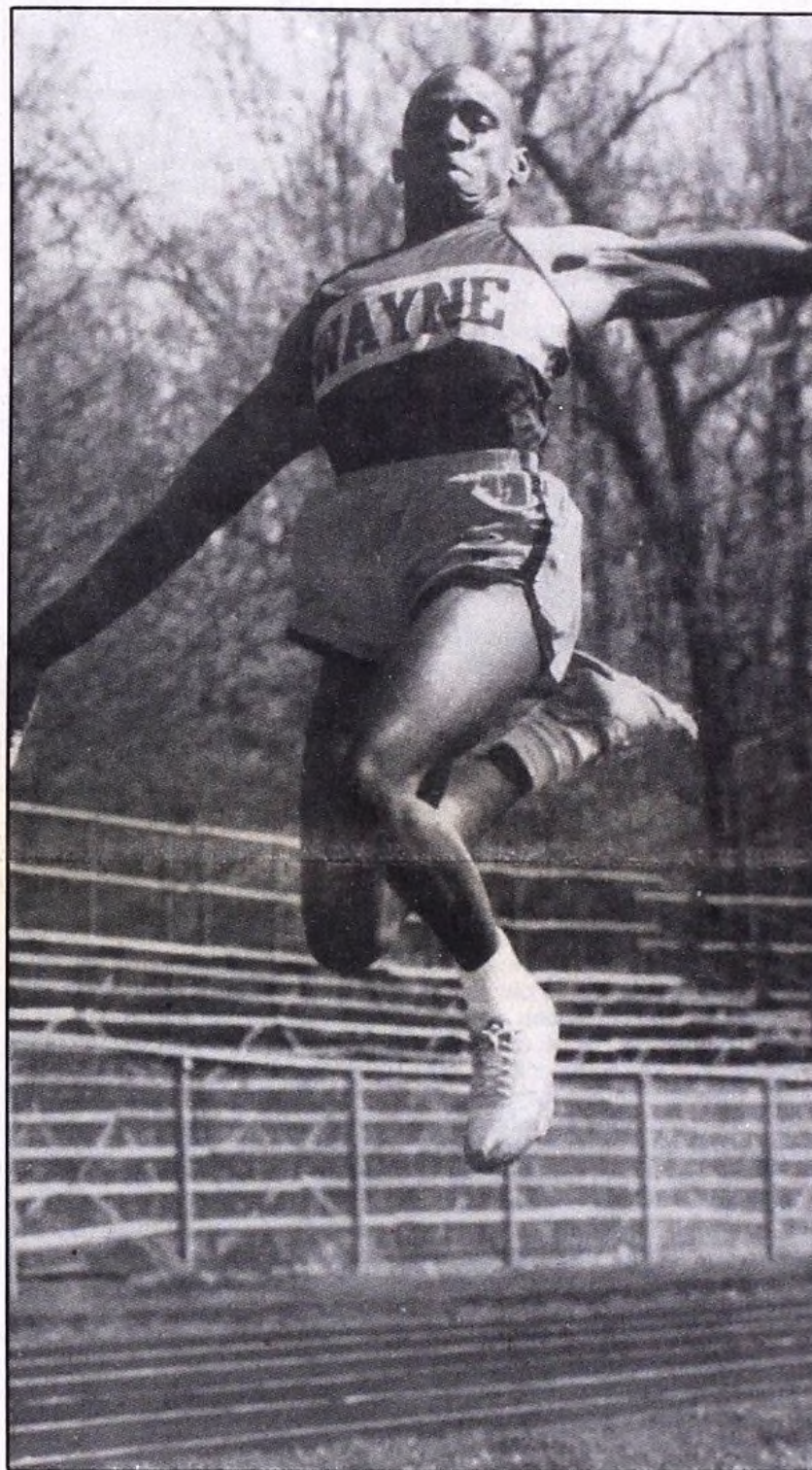
Rounding out the Rocket hitting parade were Ken Tennant, who was 2 for 5 with two RBIs, and Greg Tames, who got two hits in four plate appearances.

Overshadowed by the

Glenn power display was a strong pitching performance by Aaron Scheffer. He threw five innings and gave up only one run on a home run to Falcon center fielder Matt Siskosky.

In the fifth, Scheffer left the game with a tight pitching arm and was spelled by Chris Kirkey. Kirkey was in control in the sixth, but wavered slightly in the seventh, when he allowed three runs on three walks and two hits.

Glenn, boasting a 14-2 record overall, is ranked No. 6 in Class A in the state.



Wayne wasted a sterling three-event winning effort by senior Alan Buford, who leaped to a gold medal in the long jump (above), then came back to win the 100- and 200-meter dashes against rival Westland John Glenn. Glenn won the bragging rights for the school district. They won a narrow two-point decision over the Zebras. ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker

Tigers move up in state

The Belleville girls' softball team continued its drive toward the top of the state rankings with a close 8-7 victory over Lincoln Park Tuesday night.

The sixth-ranked state power, which has two Class A state softball championships to its credit, improved its title stock with its eighth victory in nine outings.

"From a spectator's viewpoint, it may have been an exciting game," Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis said. "But we committed a couple of errors and that could have been costly."

Dawn Rochowiak chalked up the victory, going the distance on the mound. She gave up 11 hits to the Railsplitters. However, the Tigers supported her with 13 hits and came up with three runs in the sixth, including the game-winner.

Keshia Wilson, Kelly Rochon and Jennifer Adkin accounted for six of the Tigers' hits. Wilson hammered a home run, doubled and had four RBIs, while Adkin went 2 for 3 and drove in the winning run.

Belleville is now tied with Trenton for the Wolverine 'A' Conference lead.

Belleville falls to Parkers

The last thing a struggling Belleville baseball team needed was to face the No. 2-ranked Class A team in the state.

The Lincoln Park Railsplitters lived up to their billing by downing the Tigers 6-1.

The Railsplitters got a strong performance from starter Jeff Manteau. The left-handed hurler went the distance and held Belleville to just five hits. He also struck out eight Tiger batters and walked none.

"He's got a nice little fastball and a good breaking pitch," Belleville Coach John Bertz said.

At the plate, Lincoln Park hit hard and fast as they jumped out to a five-run lead by the third inning. The Railsplitters scored three runs in the second inning with two outs to overcome a 1-0 Belleville lead. They extended their lead to 6-1 on three unearned runs in the third inning to account for all the scoring.

The victim was Tiger starter Pete Labota. Labota worked 2 2/3 innings, giving up six runs on five hits along the way. He was tagged with the loss.

Relievers Sean O'Neal, who threw 3 1/3 innings, and Tom Westlake, who worked the seventh, shut Lincoln Park down the rest of the way.



KICKS Tae Kwon Do, junior team

Wayne wins share of karate honors

On March 23 in Ann Arbor, 27 junior members of the KICKS Tae Kwon Do studio competed in the final phase of competition for qualification into the 11th National Junior Olympic Championships. All 27 team members will travel to Cincinnati July 4 to clear the last obstacle.

They were judged in two different events: form and sparring. In form, they are judged on technique, balance and coordination. Points are awarded on a 5-10 scale. In all, 21 members took first place in Ann Arbor.

In sparring, there is usually light contact, but for state competition there is

controlled contact. During control-contact matches, participants wear protective equipment, which include head gear and chest protectors. There are three 2-minute rounds with the winner earning the most overall points. Divisions are broken down into age, weight and rank.

The local team pulled out another 19 more first place finishes in sparring.

The 6- to 16-year-olds train four days a week, while spending almost two hours each day. They will compete against more than 4,000 junior students from all 50 states.

New Boston Huron sweeps double-header from Romulus

Rained out and frozen out last week, New Boston Huron baseball Coach Bill Spiecker didn't know what to expect from the Chiefs when they took the field Tuesday against Romulus.

But he was pleasantly surprised after Huron swept a double-header from the Eagles.

Behind Greg Richardson's six-hitter, Huron picked up a 2-1 victory in the first game.

The Chiefs left the biggest surprise for the nightcap.

Jason Trombly, making his debut as a starter, jolted Romulus 6-1 as he turned in a no-hit pitching effort.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the way we played today," said Spiecker, whose club evened up its season record to 5-5. "Our pitchers looked good and we made the big plays when we had to."

In the opener, Richardson missed a shutout when he gave up a third-inning run. The Eagles got on the scoreboard when Richardson

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Bill Spiecker

yielded a leadoff single to Jeff Luttermoser, who advanced to second when Rich Evans also singled. A strikeout and passed ball later brought Duford to the plate. He hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Luttermoser with what proved to be their only run of the game.

The Chiefs came back in the next inning and tied the score when Matt Hamilton was safe on an error, stole second, moved to third on a passed ball and scored when the catcher threw wide to third.

Huron broke the deadlock in the last of the seventh as Ron Nowitzke reached first on an error, as did Mike Hermann. Losing pitcher Tim

Duford then issued back-to-back walks to Rob Phillips and Eric Gumtow, forcing in the winning run. Trombly whiffed three and walked four in the second game.

Evans, who got the call, had problems in the fourth when he gave up three runs after his teammates had tied the game at 1-1 in the top of that inning.

Trombly also was tough at the plate, where he laced two singles and scored twice. Richardson chipped in with a pair of two-baggers and two RBIs.

Huron returns to conference play today when it will host Carlson.

High-jump record set

Former Plymouth-Canton High track standout, Angie Miller, tied the Western Michigan University high jump record.

Miller, a junior who hails from Canton Township, took a first place in the high jump at the Ball State Invitational in Muncie, Ind. Her leap of 5 feet, 8 inches tied both the WMU school and the Ball State Invitational records.

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Operating costs -- gasoline, oil, tires and maintenance -- account for approximately 26 percent of the yearly expenses. The remainder covers ownership costs -- insurance, taxes, depreciation and loan-finance charges.

The AAA study covers cars equipped with standard and optional accessories, including automatic transmission, air conditioning, power steering, power disc brakes, AM-FM stereo, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, tinted glass and rear-window defogger.

Fuel costs were based on an average price of \$1.369 per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline.

Insurance figures were based on personal use of cars driven less than 10 miles to or from work, with no young drivers.

Normal depreciation costs were based on the trade-in value at the end of four years or at 60,000 miles.

Ownership costs for a compact car figured at \$9.66 per day, while for the full-size sedan the cost was \$12.85 per day.

AAA is offering a 10-page booklet on the study which includes tips for calculating your own driving costs and determining the best avenue to take when determining mileage allowance for your employer.

The booklet is available through most AAA offices locally.

Bike guide is available

If the two-wheeled mode of transportation is what you crave, the Ohio Bicycle Federation has released its 1991 guide to bicycle events.

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Ask about the full-color guide at your local bicycle shop.



The 1991 Chrysler 300 four-door concept car will be on display at the Eyes on the Classics car show next month.

Construction begins for race

Construction has begun in downtown Detroit for the 1991 Valvoline Detroit Grand Prix.

The race course is being constructed now for the June 14, 15 and 16 event.

The Indy car race will be the grand finale on the 16th with a \$1 million prize for the winner. Michael Andretti, the 1990 winner, will return to the Detroit track again.

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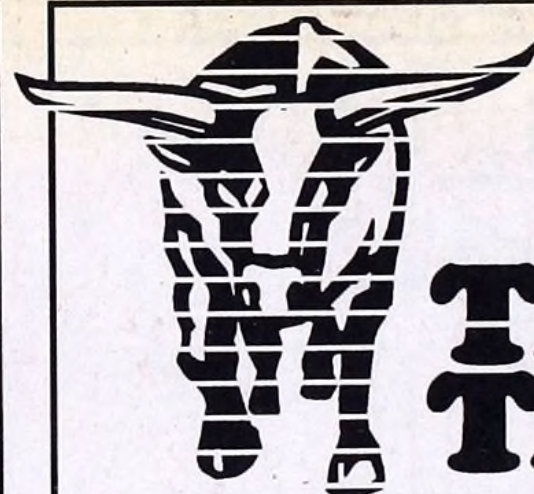
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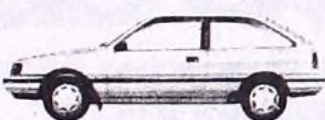
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